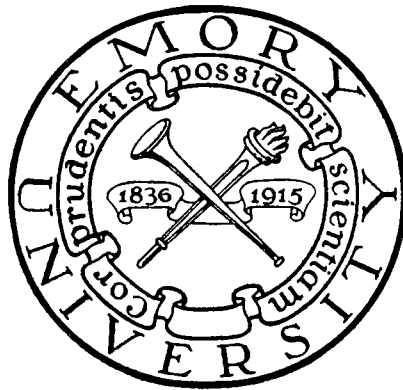




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Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia.
Wednesday, October 28, 1896, 10 O'clock a.m.

At the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. the Senators elect for the years 1896 and 1897 were called to order by the Hon. Wm. Clifton, Secretary of the Senate.

By his order the list of Senators elect, furnished by the Hon. A. D. Candler, Secretary of State, was called and a quorum found present.

By request of the Secretary the Rev. J. W. G. Watkins, Chaplain of the last Senate, invoked the blessing of God.

The Senators elect presented themselves before the desk of the Secretary and took the oath of office, the same being administered by the Hon. Marcus H. Beck, Judge of the Flint circuit.

The following is the list as certified to by the Secretary of State :

CONSOLIDATED VOTE FOR SENATORS.

1896.

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DISTRICT.	NAME OF CANDIDATES ELECT.	VOTE BY COUNTIES.										TOTAL
1	W. W. Geiger	441	Chatham	5,178	Effingham	538	6,147
2	C. H. Mann	452	McIntosh	516	Tatnall	1,039	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,997
3	P. H. Comas	837	Pierce	505	Wayne	504	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,846
4	Harry F. Dunwoody	337	Chariton	221	Glynn	685	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,253
5	Jeff Wilcox	466	Coffee	958	Ware	518	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,972
6	Thomas C. Ham	607	Echols	247	Lowndes	768	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,622
7	H. W. Hopkins	Brooks	791	Colquitt	536	Thomas	1,132	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,459
8	G. F. Westmoreland	Decatur	1,083	Miller	498	Mitchell	853	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,434
9	W. C. Sheffield	Baker	481	Calhoun	409	Early	931	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,824
10	Philip Cook	Dougherty	420	Lee	317	Worth	1,025	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,771
11	O. B. Stevens	Clay	617	Randolph	684	Terrell	1,067	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,368
12	M. L. Everett	Quitman	272	Stewart	776	Webster	366	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,414
13	T. G. Hudson	Macon	758	Schley	591	Sumter	938	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,987
14	W. S. Thompson	Dodge	1,304	Dooly	1,165	Pulaski	677	Wilcox	388	.....	.....	3,594
15	John A. Wooten	Irwin	827	Mongomery	504	Telfair	1,140	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,471
16	W. R. Kemp	Emanuel	1,413	Johnson	789	Laurens	1,215	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,427
17	E. L. Brinson	Bulloch	1,403	Burke	1,135	Screven	1,084	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,622
18	B. F. Walker	Glascock	179	Jefferson	1,200	Richmond	4,694	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,073
19	W. T. Flynt	Greene	1,177	Taliaferro	511	Warren	916	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,604
20	John L. Culver	Baldwin	673	Hancock	673	Washington	1,524	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,870
21	James R. Van Buren	Jones	878	Twiggs	763	Wilkinson	333	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,374
22	Robert L. Berner	Bibb	1,635	Montee	1,634	Pike	1,141	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,820
23	C. G. Gray	Crawford	837	Houston	924	Taylor	366	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,132
24	E. C. Battle	Chathamcochee	510	Marion	657	Muscogee	1,111	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,278
25	E. A. Fiewellen	Harris	1,088	Talbot	561	Upson	876	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,526
26	A. Atkinson	Butts	777	Fayette	969	Spalding	838	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,584
27	J. D. Kilpatrick	Clarke	771	Newton	978	Oconee	415	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,889
28	J. A. Stewart	Jasper	570	Morgan	1,741	Putnam	548	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,726
29	A. E. Strother	Columbia	716	Lincoln	669	McDuffie	672	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,543
30	C. M. Wither	Elbert	1,730	Madison	919	Oglethorpe	1,156	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,155
31	W. Y. Carver	Franklin	1,335	Habersham	396	Hart	1,137	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,868
						Rockdale	693	Walton	1,889	.....	.....
						Wilkes	486	.....	.....	.....	.....

32 Joseph F. Castleberry	Dawson.....	396 Lumpkin	464 White.....	429	1,289
33 John E. Redwine	Banks.....	381 Hall	1,416 Jackson	1,989	4,286
34 Thomas D. Stewart	DeKalb	1,076 Gwinnett.....	1,893 Henry	1,229	4,198
35 A. C. Blalock	Clayton.....	823 Cobb	1,747 Fulton.....	4,340	6,910
36 J. F. Goliethly	Campbell.....	723 Coweta	1,330 Douglas.....	935 Meriwether.....	4,656
37 W. W. Turner	Carroll.....	1,771 Heard.....	976 Truap.....	890	2,637
38 W. F. Goldin	Haralson	758 Paulding.....	1,177 Polk	875	2,810
39 J. P. Brooke	Cherokee	1,190 Forsyth.....	783 Milton.....	545	2,518
40 J. Y. Walker	Rabun.....	645 Towns	441 Union.....	781	1,867
41 J. R. Allen.....	Fannin.....	890 Gilmer.....	745 Pickens.....	837	2,472
42 Wesley Shropshire	Bartow.....	1,491 Chattooga.....	1,196 Floyd.....	2,315	5,002
43 O. N. Starr	Gordon.....	1,191 Murray.....	738 Whitfield.....	946	2,875
44 T. F. McFarland	Catoosa.....	523 Dade	478 Walker	1,299	2,300

STATE OF GEORGIA,

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE.

I, Allen D. Candler, Secretary of State of the State of Georgia, do hereby certify, that the foregoing two pages contain a true and correct list of the members elect to the Senate of said State, as appears from the returns of an election held on the 7th day of October, 1896, now of file in this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of my Office, at the Capitol, in the City of Atlanta, this 26th day of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-Six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the One Hundred and Twenty-First.

[SEAL.]

ALLEN D. CANDLER,

Secretary of State.

The Secretary announced as the next business in order the election of a President of the body and that nominations would be received therefor.

Whereupon, the Hon. Mr. Kilpatrick placed in nomination the Hon. Robert L. Berner of the county of Monroe.

There was no other nomination, so the Secretary ordered the roll to be called, which resulted in the Hon. Robert L. Berner receiving thirty-nine votes—the entire vote cast.

He was therefore declared duly elected President of the Senate.

Mr. Battle moved that a committee of three be appointed to wait upon the President elect, inform him of his election and conduct him to the chair.

The Secretary appointed as this committee, Messrs. Battle, Kilpatrick and Everett.

The President elect was conducted to the chair by the committee and addressed the Senate.

He then called the Senate to order and announced the election of a Secretary as first in order.

Whereupon, the Hon. Mr. Battle nominated for that position the Hon. Wm. Clifton of the county of McIntosh.

There being no other nomination the roll was called and resulted in Mr. Clifton receiving forty-two votes.

He was therefore declared duly elected Secretary of the Senate.

The next business in order being the election of a Messenger, the Hon. Mr. Flewellen placed in nomina-

tion the Hon. Flynn Hargett, Jr., of the county of Harris, for that position.

The call of the roll resulted in Mr. Hargett receiving thirty-nine votes.

He was therefore declared duly elected Messenger of the Senate.

The election of a Doorkeeper was announced. Mr. Starr nominated for this position the Hon. R. E. Wilson of the county of Murray.

The roll was called for this election and resulted in the Hon. R. E. Wilson receiving forty votes. He was declared duly elected Doorkeeper of the Senate.

The election of a President *pro tem.* being announced as next in order, Mr. Battle nominated therefor the Hon. C. G. Gray of Twenty-third District, who received thirty-nine votes, and was declared duly elected President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Mr. Battle introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted :

Resolved, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that the Senate is now organized and ready to proceed to business.

The drawing for seats was announced, when Mr. Battle offered the following resolution, which was read and agreed to :

Resolved, That the Hons. A. Atkinson, E. A. Flew-ellen, J. A. Stewart, W W Geiger and J. E. Redwine, be allowed to make choice of seats on account of age and physical infirmities.

Mr. Battle offered the following resolution, which was read and agreed to :

Resolved, That the President appoint a committee of three to select a Chaplain for the Senate.

The President, under this resolution, appointed Messrs. Battle, Blalock and Kemp.

Mr. Battle also introduced the following resolution, which was read :

Resolved, That the President of the Senate be authorized and directed to appointed three gallery-keepers and six pages for the Senate, and that the Secretary of the Senate be authorized and directed to appoint five porters for the Senate and the committees thereof, and one additional porter to attend upon the water-closet.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, this resolution was referred to a special committee of five.

The President appointed as this committee, Messrs. Hopkins, Battle, J. B. Stewart, Everett and Hudson.

Mr. Battle offered the following joint resolution, which was read and agreed to :

Resolved, the House concurring, that a committee of two from the Senate and three from the House, be appointed to inquire and report what public officers are to be elected at this session.

The President appointed as the committee on the part of the Senate, under the foregoing joint resolution, Messrs. Battle and Dunwody.

Mr. Gray offered the following resolution, which was read and agreed to :

Resolved, That the rules of the last Senate be adopted for the present one until the Committee on Rules report new ones and they are adopted.

Mr. Battle introduced the following joint resolution, which was read and agreed to :

Resolved, by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That a committee of three on the part of the Senate and five on the part of the House, be appointed to notify the Governor that the General Assembly is now organized and ready to receive any communication he may desire to make.

The President appointed as the committee on the part of the Senate, under this joint resolution, Messrs. Dunwoody, Kilpatrick and Carter.

Mr. Battle, chairman of the committee to select a chaplain, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

Mr. President :

The committee appointed to select a Chaplain for the Senate, beg to report for that position the Rev. J. W. G. Watkins.

C. C. Battle, Chairman.

The Senate, on motion, took a recess, subject to the call of the chair.

After a half-hour spent in recess the President called the Senate to order.

The following communication was received from His Excellency, the Governor, through his Secretary, Mr. Warren, to wit :

Mr. President :

I am directed by the Governor to deliver to the Senate his annual message, with accompanying documents :

On motion of Mr. Redwine, the annual message of His Excellency, the Governor, was taken up and read, and is as follows :

Members of the General Assembly of Georgia :

Circumstances under which you convene, in so far as they relate to the prosperity of our country, are not so propitious as we would have them, and yet, in view of the great financial stringency which has existed for several years, we have cause to congratulate ourselves that the people of Georgia have met this discouraging condition without permitting it to entirely check the growth of our material interests or the advancement of our people. During this year there has been a slight increase in our taxable property. Some addition has been made to our railway mileage, a number of new factories have been erected, and our schools and colleges were never so full as now. These evidences of material and intellectual advancement, achieved under the most adverse circumstances, is a high tribute to the character and genius of our people.

I desire to lay before you such matters as have transpired in the administration of the affairs of state, during my term, as may be of special interest to you, and furnish information upon questions connected therewith which may come before you during your term of office.

WESTERN AND ATLANTIC RAILROAD.

The appropriation of \$1,500.00, made in 1895, for the purpose of making a complete survey of the right of way and properties belonging to the Western and Atlantic Railroad, was used to employ Messrs. Wardroper and Stanley, two expert engineers, who have been engaged in carrying on this work, in compliance with the act of the General Assembly. The work

is not yet completed, but, I am informed, will be within a short time.

PENITENTIARY.

During this year I have had cause to make thorough investigation into the conduct of lessees, and their agents, in the management of the penitentiary convicts of the State. A number of irregularities and violations of rules were discovered, and measures adopted to prevent future abuses, and secure the just and faithful administration of the laws and rules regulating the control and management of convicts by lessees. The total amount of fines imposed upon lessees during my administration has been as follows :

1st. Those imposed as a result of the special investigation, heretofore alluded to-----	\$2,500 00
2d. Those imposed for cruel whipping-----	1,400 00
3d. Escapes-----	4,400 00
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Total -----	\$8,300 00

I append to this message a list of pardons granted since my report to the General Assembly in 1895, so classified that you can see how many misdemeanor convicts have been pardoned; how many felons have been pardoned without the recommendation of the Committee on Pardons, appointed by the last General Assembly, and how many on their recommendation. This Committee on Pardons, consisting of Senators T. R. Whitley and C. C. Bush, and Representatives W. S. Humphries, H. A. Jenkins, and R. E. Davidson, have done their work faithfully and efficiently. It has not only been a great relief to the Executive, but has carried justice to a great many poor and friendless convicts, who had meritorious cases, and were unable to have them presented to the Executive. The facts upon which each pardon was granted are on file in the Executive office, and

to these I earnestly invite the attention of every member of your body. The proper exercise of the pardoning power is a difficult and delicate task, but I have endeavored so to exercise it, that those who merited it should not be denied mercy, and those who deserve punishment should receive it—that justice might be done, the law enforced, and society protected.

INTEREST FROM STATE DEPOSITORIES.

The amount paid by and due from State depositories, as interest on the State's money, deposited with them, since the arrangement for payment of interest was entered into, cannot be definitely stated, as complete settlements have not been made with all the banks, but can be safely estimated at fifteen thousand dollars.

The prediction freely made at the time I insisted upon the payment of interest that solvent banks would decline to act as State depositories has proven groundless. The State is not only secured with good and solvent bonds from each, but is dealing with banks of high standing.

SALE OF BONDS.

Five hundred and forty-two thousand dollars (\$542,000) of the bonds of the State of Georgia, bearing 7 per cent. interest, matured July 1st of this year. Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) of this was paid with the accumulated sinking fund, which was at that time in the Treasury. Arrangements for payment of the remaining \$242,000 was made by floating \$230,000 of 4 per cent. bonds at 106. The premium on the bonds issued at this price yielded thirteen thousand eight hundred (\$13,800) dollars, making the total sum received from the sale of the 230 bonds two hundred and forty-three thousand eight hundred dollars. While we had advertised for the sale of bonds to the amount of \$240,000 when the bids were opened, it appeared that

the sale of the number advertised at the price bid would yield considerably more than was needed for the payment of the debt. I then declined to issue that amount and issued only the amount needed to pay off the maturing bonds. The real rate of interest that we are paying upon these bonds, which are nominally 4 per cent. bonds, is about 3½ per cent. Considering the fact that these were not gold, but currency bonds, Georgians find reason to be proud of the splendid credit of their State. A full and complete history of this transaction will be found in the report of our faithful and honored State Treasurer, Hon. R. U. Harde-
man, who now voluntarily retires from the high and responsible office which he has for many years ably filled, carrying with him the love, gratitude and confidence of the people of Georgia.

NORTHEASTERN RAILROAD.

After the purchase of the Northeastern Railroad by the State it was operated by Hon. R. K. Reeves as State agent until June 1st, 1896, at which time the road was turned over to the parties leasing it under an act of the General Assembly of 1895. While the settlement with connecting lines has not been entirely completed, we are near enough a settlement to ascertain that the net earnings during the time it has been operated by the State are, approximately, \$15,000. The new lease of the road was made to Messrs. E. A. Richards & Company, for the annual rental of \$18,600, to be paid quarterly. Contract was made and bond given in compliance with the act of the General Assembly which authorized the lease.

This is only a local road, the value of which may be almost entirely destroyed by the building of a new road or a change of ownership of its connecting lines. For this reason I suggest that you consider the advisability of passing legislation that will authorize its sale on such terms and with such limitations as you may deem wise.

PRINTING OF THE GEORGIA REPORTS, CODE, AND SCHOOLBOOKS.

The plan adopted by the State for the printing of the Reports of the Supreme Court and of the new Code is yielding results of a most satisfactory character. Georgia Reports, which were sold at \$5.50 per volume, when printed by individuals on their own account, the State now have published and sell at a net cost of \$2.00 per volume. The additional volumes printed after the first edition is exhausted are printed at a cost of \$1.00 per volume to the State, and sold at \$1.50 per volume. The Code of 1882, which was published on private account, was sold to the public at \$10.00 per volume, and to the State in large numbers at \$6.00 per volume. Under the act of the General Assembly providing for the printing of the new Code of the State, Hon. John L. Hopkins of Atlanta, Comptroller-General W A. Wright, and myself were charged with the duty of making the contract on the part of the State with the publishers. This Code will contain considerably more matter than the Code of 1882, and will be bound in three volumes, which will largely increase the labor and cost of the publication. Under the contract made, however, it is reasonably certain that the cost of the three volumes complete will not exceed \$2.50.

In the light of this experience, I respectfully recommend that the Legislature authorize the appointment of a commission on publication of schoolbooks, to consist of not less than three nor more than five citizens of the State, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the subject, and to report recommending that plan, by which the schoolbooks in this State may be procured by the people at the lowest possible cost.

PENSIONS.

Below is submitted a table showing the number of pensioners and the amount paid for the past four years:

INVALID SOLDIERS.

Year ending 26th October, 1893 -----	3,222	\$185,000
Year ending 26th October, 1894 -----	3,235	185,000
Year ending 26th October, 1895 -----	3,369	190,000
Year ending 26th October, 1896 -----	3,372	190,000

WIDOWS.

For the year ending 15th February, 1893----	4,068	\$244,080
For the year ending 15th February, 1894----	3,997	239,820
For the year ending 15th February, 1895----	3,939	236,340
For the year ending 15th February, 1896----	3,919	235,140

INDIGENT SOLDIERS.

For the year ending 31st December, 1896----	2,000	\$120,000
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INVALID PENSIONS.

When the fund appropriated to pay this class of soldiers for 1896 was exhausted there were pending more than three hundred and fifty new applications, and the indications are now that five hundred new claims will be filed for payment next year. About three per cent. of those enrolled have died during the past year.

WIDOWS' PENSIONS.

For the past several years there has been a slight decrease in the number of this class of pensioners. The act of December 16, 1895, embraced a class of widows who had not, up to that time, been paid. Under this law forty-five claims were approved. The death-rate for the past year is about $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent.

INDIGENT PENSIONERS.

Under the act of December 15, 1894, as amended by the act of December 16, 1895, 2,000 claims have been paid for the

year 1896, which covered the appropriation of \$120,000. More than 5,000 applications were filed and passed on, and the indications are that a large number of original applications under this law will be filed for payment next year.

RELIEF OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

There are on the rolls nearly 10,000 pensioners, and \$545,140 has been paid them for the year 1896; besides there are constantly a great many new applications to be examined. To do this work intelligently, with justice to the State and the pensioners, every claim submitted should be thoroughly investigated and an impartial and correct judgment made. To do this involves an immense amount of careful and painstaking labor. It is a mistake to think that there is no further work after a claim is approved. Every single payment must be made with the thorough knowledge that the law is duly complied with, and every individual claim, whether enrolled or not, must be separately dealt with. Since the Constitution of 1877 was adopted, there can be paid no more than \$6,000 for the secretaries and clerical force of the department, which was then thought to be the proper amount, and has been since then appropriated each year, yet the work of the department has more than doubled since that time, and it has now reached the point where it is impossible, with its clerical force, to properly dispose of it. Governor Gordon, in his message to the General Assembly in 1890, urges the necessity of relieving the department, at which time there were only 3,111 pensioners on the roll. He says: "The time has arrived when some method should be adopted to relieve the Executive Department." Governor Northen, in his message in 1891, repeats the suggestion made by Governor Gordon, and recommends the establishment of a pension office or department, and he says: "The growth of the State and the natural increase of labor incident to a proper administration of the laws, which

specially require the attention of the Governor and his secretaries, render it a matter of impossibility that the pension laws be kept as at present." To do justice to the State and the pensioners, the General Assembly should put the pension business where it properly belongs—in the hands of a department or bureau established for that particular purpose. Taking into consideration the number of enrolled pensioners and new claims, the cost of such department ought not to defeat it, as a much greater amount would be saved the State than would necessarily be expended thereon. Besides, it is due to the pensioners as well as the State, that their claims be speedily and justly disposed of.

EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS.

Our common schools have made a decided advance in the last few years. It is gratifying to see that the State authorities have met with more substantial and enthusiastic co-operation from the masses of the people than ever heretofore in our history. The efforts of the State School Commissioner have enlisted the interest of the people in this great work, and they are co-operating with him zealously and earnestly. There is, each year, a marked improvement in the character of schoolhouses and teachers; and a decided disposition, on the part of the more thrifty communities to adopt local school systems, which are supported largely by local taxation. I earnestly hope, however, that this disposition on the part of the people to look after the schools themselves will not permit the State, in the least, to check its pace in carrying forward the work of upbuilding and improving our schools, but that the State will continue to strengthen, increase, and perfect them.

The University of Georgia at Athens, the State Normal School at Athens, the Georgia Normal and Industrial College at Milledgeville, the School of Technology at Atlanta, the

North Georgia Agricultural College at Dahlonega, are each doing a great work, in their respective lines, and I most heartily commend them to you as worthy of your encouragement and aid.

The failure of the State to aid the Middle Georgia Military and Agricultural College at Milledgeville was greatly to the disadvantage of one of the most useful of the State's educational institutions. This institution reaches a large part of our Southern territory which is not accessible to any one of the State's institutions for the education of boys. The State owns this property, worth possibly seventy-five thousand dollars, which can only be made useful as a college, and I commend it to your consideration.

TAX-COLLECTORS.

I respectfully recommend that the laws regulating the collection of taxes be so amended as to require the office of tax-collector to be conducted upon better business principles; and to require a more rapid transmission of funds collected to the State Treasury. There should be less opportunity afforded to the surety upon the bonds of tax-collectors to keep in custody or use the State's money. I further recommend the passage of a law which will make it a penal offense for any tax-collector to take the note of a taxpayer for taxes due. The injustice and dangers attendant upon the State's money remaining in the hands of the surety upon the tax-collector's bond, and upon a system which permits a tax-collector to increase his popularity by extending credits to the taxpayers, are too obvious to require any further statement from me, that you may see the necessity for the legislation which I recommend.

People have become so much opposed to going upon bonds of county officers, that many of our best officers are compelled to resort to some one of the organized surety companies, in order to make the bonds required, before they can enter upon the duties

of the office to which they have been elected. These companies have no assets in this State, and are, so far as I know, residents of other States. In case of default, we must rely upon voluntary payment on their part, or we are compelled to go into the courts of other States, to enforce our claim. That this evil may be corrected, I recommend that no surety company be authorized to do business in this State until it has deposited with the State Treasury sureties worth not less than \$25,000, to be there held subject to any default for which it may be liable in this State.

ELECTION LAWS.

The decided advance taken by our State in the passage of the Registration Law, recently enacted, has met with the hearty approval of the people of the State, and they hope for such advancement in the reformation of our election laws, that no honest man's vote can be neutralized by a dishonest or fraudulent ballot. I earnestly urge upon you a thorough study of the election systems of other States, that such election laws that may be passed by you will be in harmony with the best methods of the day, and serve to secure honest elections and a government wherein the ballots of honest men will certainly control.

LYNCHINGS, PUNISHMENT OF CRIMINALS, SPEEDY TRIALS AND COURT PROCEDURE.

Since the last session of the General Assembly the courts have been permitted to try several cases in which the offense committed aroused to their depths the passions of the outraged community, and when the temptation to resort to "lynch law" was strong. In each instance the courts have justified the confidence of the people, and law has been administered in a way to increase respect for and fear of its decrees. In a number of cases lynch law has been resorted to, where the

offense committed was upon women. In one of these cases the party accused was in court on trial. He was taken from the court, while in session, by a mob, and hung in the streets of one of our principal cities, where the arm of the law is supposed to be strongest. To say that, on account of this, the character of our people and of our civilization suffered greatly in the estimation of the civilized world, tells the truth but mildly. I am firmly of the opinion that to check such lawlessness new legislation is needed, and that it is your duty to enact it. Innocent men have suffered at the hands of lynchers, and, unless lynchings are stopped, other innocent men will suffer. Guilty men, it is true, have suffered at the hands of lynchers; but these same guilty men would have suffered at the hand of the law, and the punishment inflicted by the law would have been far more effective in preventing similar crimes.

I am of the opinion that it would be better for us to amend the law providing for the punishment of assault with intent to rape, and make it punishable with death, just as rape is punished, leaving it to the jury to recommend imprisonment in the penitentiaries for a term of years, if, in their judgment, such punishment is adequate. Death is not too severe a penalty for the fiend who deliberately makes an assault upon a woman; and the knowledge that the criminal cannot be hung for this offense has, doubtless, often aroused that indignation, which has led the outraged community to take the law in their own hands, and inflict the punishment.

After a trial of some years, I am, after careful consideration, led to the conclusion that the law passed several years since, which abolished public hangings in this State, of which I approved at the time, was a mistake. I am still of the opinion that the impulse which leads people to eagerly seek to see one of their fellow beings hanged upon the gallows is not a noble one. But we must deal with people as they are and not as they

should be. I believe that ten private hangings are not so effective in deterring evil-doers and in commanding fear of and respect for the law as one in public. To return to the old law, which left it to the discretion of the circuit judge to provide for either private or public hanging, would, I think, be a proper course. This can safely be left to the discretion of our judges. In my opinion public hanging will aid in the suppression of crime and have some effect in discouraging mob law. In order that the officers of the law and the substantial citizens of a county may have material and personal interest in securing a submission to the law and the courts, in every case, I recommend the passage of an act which will authorize the Governor to remove from office any arresting officer from whose custody any defendant is taken by a mob whenever, in the opinion of the Executive, the arresting officer did not use due diligence or resort to the necessary force to protect the prisoner and keep him in custody; and that, in every instance where a prisoner is taken from the custody of an officer and lynched, the administrators of the deceased shall have the right to recover from the county, in whose service the officer is, the full value of his life, which in no case should be less than \$1,000.

Our laws which provide for more expeditious trials of criminal cases have been of great value, but what we need to secure prompt justice to all and inspire the people with confidence in our courts is the speedy trial of all cases civil and criminal.

I desire to say to you, in perfect candor and frankness, that I do not believe that confidence in the speedy administration of the criminal law in our courts can be established by the expeditious trial of that particular class of cases only. The people will not discriminate in this way, as they view it, the courts are either slow or prompt. Our entire judiciary system needs overhauling. Justice should be more speedy, trials more prompt in every class of cases. Justice should not permit, nor public

sentiment tolerate, the continuance of a case for six months (from one term of court to another), because at the moment the case is called some reason exists why the case cannot be tried, which can be removed by taking it up at a subsequent time. One of the first steps to be taken to accomplish this needed reform, is to equalize the work of the judges of the Superior Courts. Their pay is the same, yet some of them do four or five times the work done by others.

CONVICT LEASE SYSTEM.

The present lease contract with the present lessees of the penitentiary convicts will expire on the first day of April, 1899. The number of convicts has grown from 1,230 at date of lease to 2,357. To permit the necessary arrangements to be made for the protection, care and employment of this large number we should decide, considerably in advance of the expiration of this lease, what disposition is to be made of them. I advise that such steps be taken by you at your present session as will enable you to secure all needed information to act upon this question at your session of 1897.

The people of this State will not and should not tolerate the re-enactment of the lease act now in force. Under whatever plan that is adopted the young criminals should not be confined with the older and more desperate ones, but should be placed in a reformatory, where punishment may be inflicted upon them under circumstances which will bring to bear such moral and Christian influences, that we may reform their characters and restore them to society as good citizens. As this question cannot be disposed of at the present time I do not think it advisable that I enter upon an elaborate discussion of suggested plan at this time.

COUNTY CHAIN-GANGS.

It is unquestionably true that under the present system, the convicts in the penitentiary are, as a rule, better fed, better clothed, better housed, better preached to, and more humanely treated than the convicts in the county chain-gangs. I call your attention to this class of convicts, and respectfully suggest that you authorize the appointment of an additional officer in the Penitentiary Department, whose duty it shall be to look after the misdemeanor convicts of the State, and see that they are justly and humanely treated.

Attached hereto is a copy of a report made to me by Hon. R. F. Wright, in 1895, to which I invite your attention.

In transmitting that report to your predecessors, I said :

“In my communication to you in 1894 I recommended that provision be made for State supervision of misdemeanor convicts. After the adjournment of the General Assembly reports reached me touching the management of these convicts, which indicated such a state of affairs that I felt it my duty as the Chief Executive of the State, charged with the obligation to see to the proper enforcement of the law, to investigate and place before you facts showing the true state of affairs, that the subject might be intelligently considered and wisely acted upon by you.

“To perform this important work, I engaged the Hon. R. F. Wright, who had faithfully and efficiently performed the duties of Assistant Keeper of the Penitentiary during the term of my immediate predecessor, to visit each camp in the State where misdemeanor convicts were worked, and make a thorough investigation and report to me.

“This task he has partially completed, and I herewith hand you his report upon the camps visited. It reveals such inhuman and barbarous conduct upon the part of some of those engaged in working this class of convicts, that comment by me is unnecessary to induce you to act promptly to save our State from longer submitting to this burning shame.

“There is but one remedy for the deplorable conditions now existing, and that is through State supervision, by which uniform treatment can be required under one set of rules enforced by our Penitentiary Department. I ask that you give this valuable report, which I now submit to your careful consideration, and to the subject upon which it bears, that attention which its importance demands. The special report made to me upon each camp visited gives in detail result of Mr. Wright's investigation and is subject to inspection by such committee as may have in charge legislation upon this subject.”

STATE MILITIA.

In the past the State has made meager provision for the equipment and encouragement of the militia. I sincerely hope that this branch of the State government will receive the proper consideration and more liberal encouragement than has heretofore been extended to it by our General Assemblies. No civilized government has existed, or can long exist, which does not sustain a military force adequate for its own protection and for the enforcement of law. During my administration we have frequently called upon the military to support the civil authorities, and in every instance the State troops have conducted themselves admirably, and proven that they were worthy of your aid and encouragement.

THE SCOTT AND HAYES BONDS.

I am in receipt of a letter from Hon. Charles C. Kibbee in behalf of the payment by the State of the bonds known as the Scott and Hayes bonds. The letter to which I refer states briefly the case in behalf of the holders of the bonds, and is attached hereto that you may read and consider its contents. These claims have been presented to the General Assembly frequently heretofore, and no definite action has as yet been taken upon them. I suggest that your body thoroughly investigate the

merits of these claims and take definite action either for or against them. If any reason can be found why they should not be paid that reason should be known, declared to be true by your body, and this controversy brought to an end. If no such reason can be found we should promptly arrange for their payment, and not longer permit this cloud to hang over the State. The people of Georgia are not opposed to paying their honest debts, and will not censure, but applaud, their representatives who aid them in the maintenance of their honor as a people.

REPORTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND STATE INSTITUTIONS.

I herewith transmit to you reports from the public institutions of this State, to which I invite your attention. I also lay before you reports from the various departments of the State government, all of which contain interesting information and valuable suggestions, which I trust will receive that consideration to which they are entitled. These efficient, faithful and able public servants have devoted themselves unselfishly to the interests of the State, and have considered thoroughly the recommendations which they have made. I respectfully ask that you take suitable action upon the recommendations made by each of them.

W Y. ATKINSON,
Governor.

REPORT
OF
R. F. WRIGHT

On the Condition of the Misdemeanor Convicts of the State.

To His Excellency, W Y Atkinson, Governor :

SIR :—Having been requested by you to report on the work in which I have been engaged for the past month or two, viz.: inspecting the condition of the misdemeanor chain-gangs of the State, and the convicts therein confined, I beg to submit the following, although the inspection has not yet been completed, as there still remains perhaps fifteen chain-gangs which I have not visited, including those located in the most populous counties in the State.

Since my employment I have visited thirty-three chain-gangs, located in the following counties: Oglethorpe, Coffee, Dooly, Wilcox, Lowndes, Echols, Laurens, Baldwin, Putnam, Wilkes, Newton, Jasper, Morgan, Berrien, Lee, Irwin, Pulaski, Washington, Ware, Thomas, Emanuel, Jefferson, and Greene, and to the best of my ability, investigated each thoroughly and conscientiously, with the single idea of ascertaining and reporting the true condition of each, and of the system under which they are operated.

Of the thirty-three camps visited twenty-six are worked by private individuals, and are of that class which the Supreme Court has recently held to be illegal, and of the remaining seven, five are regularly organized county chain-gangs, and two are worked jointly by county and municipal authorities.

The total number of convicts imprisoned in these gangs is

seven hundred and ninety-five (795), of which there are twenty-seven white males, no white females, seven hundred and forty-nine (749) colored males, and nineteen colored females.

The average length of sentence I found to be nine months. Average number of hours worked per day, ten, with an average rest of one hour.

These convicts are employed in farming, saw-milling, brick-making, turpentine farms, and a few on public roads.

In the private gangs where the convicts are leased or hired to private individuals, the hire per month ranges from three to six dollars per capita, the average being about five dollars per month.

Generally the whites and blacks are not chained together, nor are the males and females, but they are worked together indiscriminately, and in many of the gangs practically no provision is made for a separation of races or sexes during the day, or at night in sleeping quarters.

There are among this number many convicts still under their majority, and I found eleven under the age of fourteen.

Very little attention is given to the comfort or sanitary condition of the sleeping quarters; some sleep in rude houses with no floors, some in tents on the bare ground, and a few in bunks. The bedding is generally scant and filthy, frequently full of vermin. In a number of the camps no fire is allowed even in the coldest weather. The ventilation generally is very poor and insufficient; in many instances in summer the sleeping quarters are veritable sweat boxes, being constructed only with a view to preventing escapes, comfort and sanitary conditions being entirely ignored.

With few exceptions, I found no hospital buildings for the sick, and no preparation for their care, comfort, or medical treatment.

In fact, it seems to be expected that misdemeanor convicts never get sick, or require no treatment if they do; one superintendent having boasted that in his gang, which averages twenty-five convicts, "he had not had a physician in five years," and yet, in one gang of eighteen men, I found there had been eight deaths in the past twelve months. In the vicinity of a few

camps, I found physicians residing who are called in when needed, but most of the gangs are practically without physicians, one being sent for only in extreme cases.

In a few of the camps the convicts are fairly fed, but generally the food, which consists of cornbread and fried meat, with no change from day to day, is scant and meager, and really insufficient to sustain health and strength.

The clothing is generally scant and filthy, some convicts going weeks without a change; hence vermin of all kind are not infrequent.

At some camps, only cotton clothes are used winter and summer, and at a number of camps, the convicts had no clothes except what they were then wearing. •

I found female prisoners working side by side with their male confederates, dressed in full male attire, the authorities claiming that "this mode of dress was less in the way, and besides it seemed to be the tendency of the 'new woman.'"

With one or two exceptions, no record is kept showing name of convict, crime of which convicted, term, date received, date discharged, or record of daily conduct upon which the good time allowed by law should be based.

In many cases the convicts had to be looked up and counted before I could ascertain how many were in the gang. It was impossible to learn, on this account, how many convicts have been held beyond the term imposed by the courts; but, from my observation, taken in connection with other facts which will hereafter be mentioned, I am satisfied such cases occur not infrequently.

At some camps the authorities have required convicts to make up all time lost by sickness, and in some cases where an escape was recaptured, his term has doubled without indictment, trial, or authority of law, as I was reliably informed. The act of 1884 allows a convict commutation of four days off of each month for good behavior, or forty-eight days off of a twelve months' sentence. I find that this law has never been observed, except in three out of the thirty-three gangs visited, notwithstanding this law has been on the statute books for the past ten years.

At many camps I found no regular whipping-boss, but all

guards and bosses carried straps and punished the convicts *ad libitum*, and from this fact have gone out the reports, in many cases too true, of cruelty and inhuman treatment.

Without encumbering my report with the many cases which were discovered of ill-treatment and cruelty, I shall mention one which only illustrates the others. At one camp I found five convicts who had been so severely punished that though three or four weeks had elapsed, the effects were still plainly visible on my visit.

Judging from the condition of these convicts at the time of my visit, the punishment must have been cruel, brutal, savage, and barbarous. Many similar cases came under my observation.

The deaths for the past twelve months, so far as could be ascertained, amounted to twenty-seven, a rate more than double the mortality in the State penitentiary. These deaths were reported to me by the superintendent or lessee, from memory only, there being no record kept from which this data or any other could be ascertained.

Escapes are very frequent, there having been ninety-eight reported to me at the camps visited during the past twelve months, or more than twelve per cent. of the whole number confined therein.

With this report I send in to Your Excellency the details of my investigation of each camp, upon which this general report is based, and which will give some idea of the scope of the investigation made, and I trust will to some extent illustrate the magnitude of the undertaking and the care, with which I endeavored to ascertain the facts.

I cannot close this report without commending Your Excellency for endeavoring to procure some legislation which will bring this system into order and regularity, properly punish the unfortunate criminals, but at the time afford them protection and humane treatment. It is a disgrace to civilization that, when most of the misdemeanor convicts go from the courts to the chain-gangs, they are sold bodily for the term of their sentence, often to private parties who are responsible to no one for their treatment.

Many of the lessees I found to be good business men, intelli-

gent and humane, who are anxious to be informed of their duty under the few laws now of force touching the misdemeanor chain-gangs, and who expressed themselves as thoroughly in accord with Your Excellency in endeavoring to improve the system by proper legislation.

Realizing and appreciating the evils, they yet feel powerless to correct many of them under the existing statutes, and would hail with delight any legislation which would correct the evils, and bring the various gangs under one general uniform management.

I am glad to report also that the people of Georgia are awakening to the true condition of the chain-gangs, and are demanding legislation which will correct the many evils.

When I shall have finished the inspection, I shall make to Your Excellency a complete and more comprehensive report, going more in detail, and giving it that thorough preparation which I could not give to this, owing to the hurried manner in which it was prepared.

In the meantime, I have the honor of subscribing myself,

Very truly yours,

R. F. WRIGHT.

JUDGE KIBBEE'S LETTER.

To His Excellency, W. Y. Atkinson, Atlanta, Georgia :

GOVERNOR:—For the past ten or twelve years I have presented to the General Assembly of the State of Georgia bills which had in view the recognition and payment of certain bonds of the State. These bonds, for which payment has been sought, are as follows :

First. Bonds which were part of an issue made in behalf of the State Road, and are signed by Charles J. McDonald, Governor, and J. Crawford, President of the Commissioners of the Western and Atlantic Railroad ; they bear date January, 1840-41 (and became due respectively in 1870-71), bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum. Authority for the issue of these bonds is given in section 6 of an act approved in 1837, page 210. Interest coupons were attached to said bonds, but no coupons now remain, all having been paid.

The second class of these bonds are known as convention bonds. There are sixteen of these, each of the denomination of \$500. They are signed by Charles J. Jenkins, Governor, dated February 1, 1866, and due five years after date.

All of the above recited bonds appear to be regular, and have the great seal of the State affixed thereto ; a record of each one of them appears on the books of the Treasury Department as outstanding and unpaid, and the same books disclose the fact that the coupons representing the interest on said bonds were regularly paid until their maturity. Amongst the documentary evidence supporting the validity of these bonds and the fact that they are genuine, outstanding, unpaid obligations of the State, I have the original certificates of the following Treasurers, to wit:

First. That of Hon. D. N. Speer, dated August 22, 1881.

Second. That of the Hon. J. W. Renfroe, as ex-Treasurer of the State, dated August 28, 1889.

Third. That of the Hon. R. U. Hardeman, dated August 29, 1889.

Each and all of said Treasurers certify, that these bonds appear upon the records of the State as being outstanding, past due, and unpaid bonds. Hon. J. W. Renfroe, in his certificate, states as the reason for his non-payment of said bonds that he had been informed that they had not been presented for registration within the time prescribed by the General Assembly, in an act approved March 2, 1875. He adds, however, as above stated, that they appear on the record of bonds in the treasury as outstanding, past due bonds, unpaid.

Doctor J. T. Bozeman, who was the fiscal agent of the State and the acting treasurer, having reported that the Convention bonds were not presented for registration within the time fixed by law was the occasion of ex-Treasurer Renfroe's declination to pay the Convention bonds. A subsequent examination of the treasurer's books, however, showed absolutely and conclusively that Dr. Bozeman not only receipted for these bonds, describing them by number, denomination, and date, but that he *recorded them* as having been registered on the book prescribed by law for their record. In addition to these records, I hold Dr. Bozeman's original receipt for the bonds, his certificate that he placed them on record and that he turned them over to the agent of the owner prior to the time fixed by law for registration.

In the matter of the McDonald bonds, the documentary evidence shows that these were lodged with the Executive Department by C. A. Nutting, who was then the chairman of the Finance Committee of the House, and by whom the same was presented to the Governor and Treasurer long prior to the expiration of the time fixed for registration. This evidence is supported by the affidavit of Mr. Nutting; by the affidavit of Mr. Scott, the owner of the bonds; by the affidavit of R. L. Briggs, tracing continued ownership from about November 27, 1868, to the time they were purchased by Mr. E. P. Scott on July 1st and 8th, 1874; and the further affidavit of Mr. Scott that he had held said bonds up to the present time from the date of his purchase, as aforesaid. As in strict law these bonds should

have been placed with the Treasurer before August 1, 1875, one of the questions presented to the then Attorney-General, Hon. Wm. A. Little, was, as per extract from his report:

“ Do the affidavits and evidence presented by Scott, the originals of which are on file in the Executive Department, rebut the presumption created by the non-compliance with the act of 1875, in relation to presentation for record before August 1, 1875, that *prima facie* said bonds were paid and fraudulently reissued? ” I think so. .

A non-compliance with the terms of the act was not conclusive but *prima facie*, and simply put upon the holders the burden of removing this presumption. If there be any truth in the witnesses, the bonds were sent for record before the time expired, together with the proof of ownership of \$8,500 for several years, and that before August 1, 1875, this information was in fact conveyed to the Governor and also to the Treasurer.

I am of the opinion, therefore, that the presumption raised by a non-compliance with the terms of the act of 1875, being only *prima facie*, is rebutted by the evidence of good faith, intention, and effort to comply with the law by holders and that the bonds should be relieved of this presumption and be further considered on their merits.

The next question which would arise is, are either of these two classes of bonds within the description of those against the payment of which a constitutional bar is imposed?

A reference to par. 1, sec. 2, art. 7 of the Constitution of 1877, and to the constitutional amendment, declaring bonds void, discloses that neither of these two classes of bonds are within the prohibited descriptions. In this connection, counsel for E. P. Scott & Co. has called my attention to a letter from Hon. T. J. Simmons, dated July 25, 1879, in response to an inquiry whether the bonds held by E. P. Scott & Co. were before the Finance Committee of the Constitutional Convention in 1877, Judge Simmons being chairman of that committee. In his reply the following information was given: “ The original report of the Committee on Finance prescribed what bonds were legal and valid and declared all others not enumerated void. This report was subsequently modified and assumed its present constitutional

form because the attention of the Committee on Finance was called to the fact that the bonds then held by E. P. Scott & Co. were outstanding and unpaid, had not been included in any act or resolution of the General Assembly declaring bonds of the State illegal, null and void, and were thought to be valid bonds. The bonds were before the committee and the discussion upon their merits gave rise to the above change."

Without making further reference to the report of the Attorney-General, I briefly submit to Your Excellency a summary of his conclusions.

"1st. They are certainly genuine and the State received value for them. 2d. They were authorized to be issued by law. 3d. They were duly entered on the books of the Treasury which show the coupons to have been paid. 4th. They were presented for registration or satisfactory proof made of an effort to present them in good faith in compliance with law. 5th. They were not in the class of outlawed bonds. 6th. If the evidence of men presumed to be credible is to be taken as true, they could not have been taken up and reissued at the time and by the person suggested. 7th. Because it nowhere appears that the State has given credit to any agent or officer for the amount of these bonds as having been paid by him. 8th. They are promises of the State of Georgia to pay, and these promises stand good until clear proof be made of fraud and invalidity of the promise."

The Attorney-General, having stated that he had failed to find any reasons indicating that the bonds were invalid, closes his report with these words: "It is my opinion that all the bonds referred to are legal and valid obligations of the State."

Permit me to add to this presentation of the claim of the owners of these bonds, that every Finance and sub-Finance Committee of the House, to whom the question has been submitted, has approved the payment of these bonds. No adverse report upon them has ever been made; and in addition to the favorable report of the Finance and sub-Finance Committees of 1893, a special committee was appointed by Your Excellency, of one from each Congressional district, not only to review the favorable action of the Committee and a sub-Committee on Finance of that year, but also the report of the Attorney-General, and this committee unanimously reported in favor of these bonds.

I respectfully call your attention to the report of this special committee, because they had before them not only the documentary evidence heretofore referred to, and also the report of the Attorney-General, but said committee entered upon new lines of investigation. They had Mr. Scott appear before them in person, and examined not only the records of the treasury, but also those of the Executive Department, and verified the facts set out in the Attorney-General's report

The conclusions of the special committee are summed up in the following extract, taken from their report, which may be found on pages 419 and 420, Journal of the House, 1893 :

“For now, nearly twenty years the holders of these bonds have been pressing them for payment. They have been subjected to the scrutiny and examination of the State in every department of the government under the pressure of the demand for payment by the owners, and nothing has been brought to light affecting their genuineness or the validity of their issue. The records of the State show them to be outstanding and unpaid. They are not included in any of the bonds declared invalid by constitutional or legislative enactment

“Your committee have carefully examined the opinion of Hon. W. A. Little, Attorney-General, on the validity of these bonds, made October 26, 1892, under resolution of the General Assembly of 1890 and 1891. The facts concerning these bonds are therein fully set forth and have been verified by your committee, and they concur in the opinion expressed, that these bonds are ‘legal, valid obligations of the State.’

“It seems to your committee that there is no reason longer to delay an adjustment of these bonds with the holders, and that justice, as well as the credit of the State, demands it.

“The terms of adjustment as proposed by the owners and set forth in the bill referred are fair and reasonable, and should be accepted by the State in its enactment.”

In order that Your Excellency may have before you the specific number of each class of bonds sought to be paid, I herewith submit them :

CONVENTION BONDS.

Numbers 43; 60 to 72, both inclusive; 80 and 260.

They were issued by authority of an ordinance passed at a convention of the people in 1865, and all of these bonds bear date February 17, 1871. That neither these nor those known as McDonald bonds are included in any the list of invalid bonds. See amendment to State Constitution, page 1329, Code of 1882; Acts of 1875, pages 13, 14, and 29; Acts 1876, page 9; Acts 1887, page 24; Acts 1872, pages 5, 6, 7, and 8.

M'DONALD OR W. & A. R. R. BONDS.

These bonds, as heretofore stated, are dated January 1840-41; matured January, 1870-71, and are as follows:

Numbers 10, 12, 13, 14, 44, 49,	\$1,000.00 each.
“ 54, 59, 61,	\$500.00 “
“ 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 9, 17, 21, 23, 31, 41, } 42, 72, 76, 74, 85, 425, 59, 49, }	\$250.00 “

I have only outlined in this communication the character of the evidence supporting these bonds, and a summary of legislative action thereon. The question may be asked, however, why, with this mass of evidence, there was any delay in applying to the Legislature for payment? The answer is, first: Every well-informed Georgian knows that at the date of the maturity of these bonds the State was not only without funds to pay its past due bonded debt, but had to borrow money by pledging the revenues of the W & A. Railroad until it could make provision by law to fund the old debt and pay current expenses.

No permanent provision for the payment or funding of any bill was made until 1873, when the Legislature passed what is commonly known as the Nutting Bond Bill, authorizing the funding of old bonds in new 8 per cents. This bill, however, furnished no relief, because Treasurer Jones, on the 26th day of May, 1873, issued a circular letter of that date notifying holders of these bonds “that no *old* bonds would be taken up with cash or currency until the entire issue of new bonds was disposed of.” See copy of Treasurer’s circular letter accompanying “Audit of City Bonds,” page 13.

Early in 1875 the treasurer again notified the holders of old bonds that payment would be made upon certain proof submitted, and on March 2, 1875, the Legislature suspended all payments until presentation for record. The bonds I hold have been year after year submitted to the Legislature. The State has not only had value received for them, but petitioners bought them before maturity in open market and without notice of any defect in form or substance, if any there be.

I respectfully submit that the State should pay every obligation that one citizen would be bound to pay another under similar circumstances; and the fact that the right of appeal to the courts is denied to creditors of the State is based upon the idea that she will always be ready to do justice to the creditors to the fullest extent, and meet and pay all obligations for which she is legally or equitably liable. Under the facts submitted I respectfully ask that in your message to the General Assembly the claims of the holders of these bonds may receive such recognition or recommendation as Your Excellency may think they are entitled to.

I am respectfully yours,

CHAS. C. KIBBEE.

On motion of Mr. Battle, five hundred copies of the foregoing annual message were ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President :

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has perfected an organization by the election of the Hon. H. A. Jenkins, of the county of Putnam, as Speaker; the Hon. W. A. Dodson, of the county of Sumter, as Speaker *pro tem.*; M. A. Hardin, Esq., of the county of Fulton, as Clerk; Hon. J. A. Boothe, of the county of Cobb, as Messenger; Mr. W. H. Williford, of the county of Fayette, as Doorkeeper, and are now ready to proceed with the regular business of the session.

The House has adopted the following joint resolution, to wit :

A resolution that the House and Senate convene in joint session to-morrow, Thursday, 29th inst., at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of opening the returns of the State election and declaring the result.

Also, a resolution,

Resolved, by the House, the Senate concurring, That a committee of three from the Senate and five from the House be appointed as a Joint Committee on Inaugural.

The House has concurred in the following resolution of the Senate, to wit :

A resolution appointing a committee of three from the Senate and five from the House, to notify the Gov-

error of the organization of the General Assembly, and has named on the part of the House, Messrs. Fogarty, chairman, Hewlet Hall of Coweta, S. A. Reid of Bibb, W. A. Charters of Lumpkin, and Felder of Fulton.

A joint resolution of the House providing that the General Assembly shall convene in joint session at 11 o'clock to-morrow, to open, count and declare the vote of the last State election, was on motion taken up and concurred in.

The resolution from the House, providing a committee of three from the Senate and five from the House on inaugural ceremonies, was also taken up, read and concurred in.

The Senate having disposed of all business on the desk of the Secretary adjourned, on motion, until 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Thursday, October 29, 1896, 10 O'clock a. m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President, the Hon. Robert L. Berner.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

On the call of the roll the following Senators answered to their names :

Atkinson,	Geiger,	Starr,
Allen,	Goldin,	Stewart, 27th,
Brooke,	Gray,	Stewart, 34th,
Battle,	Golightly,	Strother,
Brinson,	Ham,	Thomson,

Blalock,	Hopkins,	Turner,
Comas,	Hudson,	Van Buren,
Cook,	Kemp,	Wooten,
Culver,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 18th,
Carter,	McFarland,	Witcher,
Castleberry,	Mann,	Wilcox,
Dunwoody,	Redwine,	Westmoreland,
Everett,	Sheffield,	Walker, 40th,
Flewellen,	Stevens,	Mr. President.
Flynt,	Shropshire,	

Mr. Hopkins offered the following report :

Mr. President :

The Special Committee to whom was referred the resolution by Mr. Battle of the Twenty-fourth, providing for the appointment of six pages and three gallery keepers by the President of the Senate, and five porters by the Secretary of the Senate, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same to the Senate, with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

H. W. Hopkins, Chairman.

The foregoing report was, on motion, taken up and adopted, and the resolution was read and agreed to.

The following communication was received from the Secretary of State :

Office of Secretary of State,
Atlanta, Ga., October 29, 1896.

Hon. President of Senate :

I herewith transmit, in accordance with law, the election returns for Governor and State House officers, which was held at the general election in this State on the 7th inst.

Very respectfully,

A. D. Candler,

Secretary of State.

Mr. Battle introduced the following resolution which was read and agreed to :

Resolved, That the election returns for Governor and State House officers, which have been transmitted by the Secretary of State to this body, be immediately transmitted to the House of Representatives as provided by law.

At the hour of 11 o'clock a.m., the President announced that the time had arrived for the Senate and House to meet in joint session by joint resolution adopted yesterday

Whereupon, the Senate, in a body, preceded by the President and the Secretary, proceeded to the House of Representatives.

Being announced by the Doorkeeper, they were received by the House of Representatives standing.

The President took the chair and called the General Assembly to order.

The Secretary read the joint resolution under which the joint session was convened, showing the purpose being to count and declare the election returns for Governor and State House officers.

Tellers were then appointed, and the General Assembly proceeded to open and count the votes.

At the hour of 12:30 p. m. the General Assembly was dissolved to meet again at 3 o'clock p. m., to continue the work of the morning session.

The Senate returned to its chamber and was called to order by the President.

Mr. Dunwody, chairman of the special committee to notify Governor Atkinson of the organization of the Senate, submitted the following report :

Mr. President :

The committee appointed under the resolution offered by Senator Dunwody to notify His Excellency, Governor W Y Atkinson, that the Senate was organized for business, beg leave to report :

That the Senate committee, with the committee appointed from the House, notified the Governor that the General Assembly was organized, and he requested the committee to report that he had no communication to make at the present time, but would do so in writing later on in the session.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F Dunwody, Chairman.

The Senate adjourned, on motion, until 10 minutes before 3 o'clock p. m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,

2:50 O'clock p. m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

On the call of the roll the following Senators were present and answered to their names :

Atkinson,
Allen,
Brooke,
Battle,
Brinson,
Blalock,
Comas,

Everett,
Flynt,
Geiger,
Goldin,
Gray,
Golightly,
Ham,

Main,
Redwine,
Sheffield,
Stevens,
Shropshire,
Starr,
S'ewart, 27th,

Cook,	Hopkins,	Turner,
Culver,	Hudson,	Van Buren,
Carter,	Kemp,	Wooten,
Castleberry,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 40th,
Dunwody,	McFarland,	Mr. President.

Those absent were Messrs.—

Flewellen,	Thomson,	Wilcox,
Stewart, 34th,	Walker, 18th,	Westmoreland.
Strother,	Witcher,	

A quorum was found present.

The President announced that the time had arrived for reconvening in joint session ; whereupon, the Senate in a body, preceded by the President and Secretary, repaired to the House of Representatives, where, being received by the House, the President took the chair and called the General Assembly to order.

The business of the morning session was resumed.

At the close of the count the following declaration of the result was made by the President, viz.:

For the office of Governor, the Hon. W Y. Atkinson received 120,827 votes ; the Hon. Seaborn Wright received 85,832 votes. The Hon. W Y Atkinson having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared duly elected Governor for the ensuing term.

For the office of Secretary of State, the Hon. A. D. Candler received 132,000 votes ; the Hon. J A. Parsons received 76,453 votes. The President declared the Hon A. D. Candler duly elected Secretary of State for the ensuing term, he having received a majority of all the votes cast.

For Comptroller-General, the Hon. Wm. A. Wright received 132,022 votes; the Hon. S. J. Bell received 75,468 votes. The Hon. Wm. A. Wright having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared duly elected Comptroller-General for the ensuing term.

For the office of Treasurer, the Hon. W. J. Speer received 132,632 votes; the Hon. W. C. Sibley received 76,136 votes. The Hon. W. J. Speer having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared by the President duly elected Treasurer of the State for the ensuing term.

For the office of Attorney-General, the Hon. Joseph M. Terrell received 131,113 votes; the Hon. D. H. Clark received 73,602 votes. The Hon. Joseph M. Terrell having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared by the President duly elected Attorney-General for the ensuing term.

For the office of Commissioner of Agriculture, the Hon. Robert T. Nesbitt received 131,942 votes; the Hon. W. E. Smith received 76,433 votes. The Hon. Robert T. Nesbitt having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared by the President duly elected Commissioner of Agriculture for the ensuing term.

The President then announced that the business for which the joint session of the General Assembly had been convened was completed, whereupon, on motion of Mr. Turner of the Senate, the joint session was dissolved.

The Senate returned to its chamber and being called to order by the President, adjourned, on motion, until 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Friday, October 30, 1896, 10 O'clock a. m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, the President presiding.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

On the call of the roll the following Senators answered to their names :

Allen,	Geiger,	Stevens,
Atkinson,	Goldin,	Stewart, 27th,
Battle,	Golightly,	Stewart, 34th,
Blalock,	Gray,	Strother,
Brinson,	Ham,	Thomson,
Brooke,	Hopkins,	Turner,
Carter,	Hudson,	Van Buren,
Castleberry,	Kemp,	Walker, 18th,
Comas,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 40th,
Cook,	Manu,	Westmoreland,
Culver,	McFarland,	Wilcox,
Dunwoody,	Redwine,	Witcher,
Everett,	Sheffield,	Wooten,
Flewellen,	Shropshire,	Mr. President.
Flynt,	Starr,	

Mr. Gray introduced the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the Senate, the House concurring, That the General Assembly meet in joint session at the hour of 11 o'clock a. m., this date, for the purpose of electing Judges and Solicitors-General.

This resolution was temporarily withdrawn to await the report of the committee on officers to be elected at this session.

The following message was received from the House through Mr Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President :

The House has adopted the following joint resolution in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit :

A resolution providing for a recess of the General Assembly from November 1st to November 5th ; also, providing for the election of Judges and Solicitors-General, and to convene the General Assembly in joint session.

Also, a resolution, directing the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House to prepare and distribute a manual of the General Assembly.

This resolution was taken up and concurred in.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof :

Mr. President :

The House has concurred in the following resolution of the Senate, to wit :

A resolution appointing a committee from the Senate and House of Representatives to inquire what public officers are to be elected at this session of the General Assembly. The committee on the part of the House are, Messrs. Slaton of Fulton, Meldrim of Chatham, and West of Lowndes.

The joint resolution from the House providing for a recess of the General Assembly from Nov. 1st to Nov. 5th, 1896, on account of the national elections, and further providing to take up the election of Judges and Solicitors-General on Nov. 5th, 1896, in joint session, was taken up on motion.

Mr. Turner moved to divide the question so as to act first on the proposition of adjournment, and moved to amend by striking "four" in the 8th line and inserting "three." Also, by striking "and fourth" in the 9th line; also, by striking "Thursday, the 5th" and inserting "Wednesday, the 4th" in the 11th line; also, by striking "four" wherever it occurs and insert "three."

The amendments offered by Mr. Turner were adopted.

Mr. Gray offered as a substitute for the last section, the following:

Resolved, by the Senate, the House concurring, That the General Assembly meet in joint session at the hour of 3 o'clock p. m., this date, for the purpose of electing Judges and Solicitors-General.

This amendment was adopted, but subsequently reconsidered.

Mr. Dunwody moved to adopt the last clause of the resolution by striking out "Thursday" and inserting "Wednesday, the 4th inst."

The amendment was adopted, and the joint resolution of the House as amended was concurred in.

Leave of absence was granted Mr. Walker of the Eighteenth District, until Saturday, the 7th inst.; to Messrs. Golden, Carter and Kemp for to-morrow.

The Senate, on motion, adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m., to-morrow.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Saturday, October 31, 1896, 10 O'clock a. m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, the President in the chair.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

On the call of the roll the following Senators answered to their names :

Allen,	Geiger,	Stevens,
Atkinson,	Goldin,	Stewart, 27th,
Battle,	Golightly,	Stewart, 34th,
Blalock,	Gray,	Strother,
Brinson,	Ham,	Thomson,
Brooke,	Hopkins,	Turner,
Carter,	Hudson,	Van Buren,
Castleberry,	Kemp,	Walker, 18th,
Comas,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 40th,
Cook,	Mann,	Westmoreland,
Culver,	McFarland,	Wilcox,
Dunwody,	Redwine,	Witcher,
Everett,	Sheffield,	Wooten,
Flewellen,	Shropshire,	Mr. President.
Flynt,	Starr,	

The Journal was read and approved.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President :

The House has concurred in the Senate amendments to the following House resolution, to wit :

A resolution providing for a recess of the General Assembly from November 1st to 5th, as amended, and further providing for a joint session of the General Assembly

Also, a joint resolution in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked.

A resolution that the General Assembly meet in joint session at 11:30 a. m. for the purpose of inaugurating the Governor.

Mr. Dunwody, by consent, offered the following bill, which was read the first time and referred to the General Judiciary Committee, to wit :

A bill to establish a Board of Dental Examiners, prescribe its powers and duties, and to regulate dentistry, etc., etc.

Mr. Hopkins, by general consent, introduced the following bill, which, being read the first time, was referred to the General Judiciary Committee, to wit :

A bill to amend pars. 2 and 3 of sec. 3 of art. 6 ; par. 1 of sec. 2 of art. 6 of the Constitution of this State, so as to provide for the election of Judges of the Superior Courts and Solicitors-General by the electors of their respective circuits.

Mr. Battle made the following report :

Mr. President :

The special joint committee appointed to ascertain what public officers are to be elected at the present session of the General Assembly beg leave to submit the following report :

United States Senator.

Judges and Solicitors as follows :

ALBANY CIRCUIT.

Judge to be elected for unexpired term.

Judge to be elected for full term.

Solicitor-General to be elected for unexpired term.

Solicitor-General to be elected for full term.

ATLANTA CIRCUIT.

Judge to be elected for full term.

Solicitor-General to be elected for full term.

AUGUSTA CIRCUIT.

Solicitor-General to be elected for full term.

BLUE RIDGE CIRCUIT.

Judge to be elected for full term.

Solicitor-General to be elected for unexpired term.

Solicitor-General to be elected for full term.

BRUNSWICK CIRCUIT.

Solicitor-General to be elected for unexpired term.

Solicitor-General to be elected for full term.

CHATTAHOOCHEE CIRCUIT.

Judge to be elected for full term.

Solicitor-General to be elected for full term.

CHEROKEE CIRCUIT.

Judge to be elected for full term.

Solicitor-General to be elected for full term.

COWETA CIRCUIT.

Judge to be elected for full term.

Solicitor-General to be elected for full term.

EASTERN CIRCUIT.

Judge to be elected for full term.

Solicitor-General to be elected for full term.

FLINT CIRCUIT.

Solicitor-General to be elected for full term.

MACON CIRCUIT.

Judge to be elected for unexpired term.

Judge to be elected for full term.

Solicitor-General to be elected for unexpired term.

Solicitor-General to be elected for full term.

MIDDLE CIRCUIT.

Judge to be elected for full term.

Solicitor-General to be elected for full term.

Solicitor-General to be elected for unexpired term.

NORTHERN CIRCUIT.

Judge to be elected for full term.

Solicitor-General to be elected for unexpired term.

Solicitor-General to be elected for full term.

OCMULGEE CIRCUIT.

Solicitor-General to be elected for full term.

OCONEE CIRCUIT.

Judge to be elected for full term.

PATAULA CIRCUIT.

Judge to be elected for full term.

Judge to be elected for unexpired term.

Solicitor-General to be elected for unexpired term.

Solicitor-General to be elected for full term.

ROME CIRCUIT.

Judge to be elected for unexpired term.

Solicitor-General to be elected for full term.

SOUTHERN CIRCUIT.

Solicitor-General to be elected for full term.

SOUTHWESTERN CIRCUIT.

Judge to be elected for full term.

Solicitor-General to be elected for full term.

STONE MOUNTAIN CIRCUIT.

Judge to be elected for unexpired term.

Judge to be elected for full term.

Solicitor-General to be elected for unexpired term.

Solicitor-General to be elected for full term.

WESTERN CIRCUIT.

Solicitor-General to be elected for full term.

The foregoing report is respectfully submitted.

C. E. Battle, Chairman.

H. F. Dunwody,

Senate Committee.

John M. Slaton, Chairman.

W. S. West,

P. W. Meldrim,

House Committee.

The joint resolution of the House, convening the General Assembly in joint session at 11:30 o'clock this day, for the purpose of inaugurating the Governor, was taken up, read and concurred in.

The Senate, on motion, took a recess for fifteen minutes.

The President *pro tem.* called the Senate to order at the expiration of the recess, when, on motion of Mr. Battle, the recess was extended to 11:20 o'clock a.m.

At 11:20 o'clock a.m. the Senate in a body, preceded by the President *pro tem.* and the Secretary, repaired to the House of Representatives, and being received by that body, the President *pro tem.* took the chair and called the General Assembly to order.

The General Assembly having been informed that the inaugural ceremonies would take place at the western portico of the capitol, withdrew to that point where, they met the Governor and the long concourse of distinguished citizens and soldiers who attended him on his march from the mansion to the capitol.

After prayer by the Rev I. S. Hopkins, acting for the Chaplain of the Senate, the Governor proceeded to deliver his inaugural address. At its conclusion he took the oath of office, which was administered by Chief Justice Simmons of the Supreme Court of Georgia.

President Berner announced that the Secretary of State would deliver to the Governor the great seal of the State. Secretary Candler handed the great seal of the State to the Governor, who returned it to him with the charge that he keep it safely.

After benediction by the Chaplain of the House, the Governor retired, the General Assembly on motion was dissolved, the Senate returned to its chamber, and hav-

ing been called to order by the President, adjourned under a joint resolution until Wednesday, November 4, at 10 o'clock a.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia.

Wednesday, November 4, 1896.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by Senator W W Turner of the Thirty-seventh District.

The roll of the Senators was called and the following answered to their names.

Allen,	Geiger,	Stewart, 34th,
Atkinson,	Goldin,	Strother,
Battle,	Golightly,	Thomson,
Blalock,	Gray,	Turner,
Brinson,	Hudson,	Van Buren,
Brooke,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 40th,
Comas,	Mann,	Westmoreland ^d ,
Cook,	McFarland,	Wilcox,
Dunwody.	Redwine,	Witcher,
Everett,	Shropshire,	Wooten,
Flewellen,	Starr,	Mr. President.
Flynt,	Stewart, 27th,	

Those absent were Messrs.—

Carter,	Ham,	Sheffield,
Castleberry,	Hopkins,	Stevens,
Culver,	Kemp,	Walker, 18th.

The Journal was read and approved.

The call of the Senate was ordered for the introduction of bills and resolutions.

Mr. Kilpatrick, of the Twenty-eighth District, introduced the following joint resolution, which was read and referred to the Committee on Penitentiary, to wit :

A joint resolution, to provide for the appointment of a Joint Committee from the Senate and House to investigate and report upon a suitable plan for the disposition of the convicts of the State after the expiration of the term of the present lease.

Referred to Penitentiary Committee.

Mr. Turner, of the Thirty-seventh District, introduced the following bill, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Temperance, to wit :

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 428 of the third volume of the Code of 1895, by inserting after the word "sell," in the second line of said section the words "contract to sell, take orders for," so as to prohibit the making of contracts or taking orders for the sale of intoxicating liquors in counties where the sale of the same is now prohibited by law.

Mr. Starr, of the Forty-third District, introduced the following bill, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on General Judiciary, to wit :

A bill to be entitled "an act to repeal the third section of an act approved December 16, 1895, entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the appointment of auditors, prescribe their duties, fix their compensation, etc., etc.," and to provide in lieu thereof that all exceptions of fact to the report of the auditor shall be tried by a jury.

The President laid before the Senate the following resolutions adopted by the Osceola County Democratic Club of Kissimmee, Florida, expressing the regrets of the Club at the death of ex-Speaker Charles F Crisp.

The resolutions were read, and on motion of Senator Battle they were ordered spread upon the Journal of the Senate; and that the Secretary acknowledged receipt of the resolutions and convey to the Club our appreciation of the tender sympathy expressed at the loss of our distinguished fellow citizen.

C. E. Franklin, Chairman.

“Resolutions adopted at the weekly meeting of the Osceola County Democratic Club, Kissimmee, Florida, Friday, October 30, 1896.

“Whereas, The Almighty, in his wisdom which is ‘inscrutable and past finding out,’ has called from earth away the spirit of Hon. Chas. F Crisp, ex-Speaker of the National House of Representatives and prospective United States Senator; and whereas, we recognize the love and mercy of God even in his bitterest dispensations; therefore be it

“*Resolved* 1st, That we bow in humble submission to the divine will.

“*Resolved* 2d, That in the death of Speaker Crisp the nation has lost one of its wisest counsellors, the South one of its ablest statesman, Democracy one of its greatest leaders and the cause of the people one of its boldest champions.

“*Resolved* 3d, That as American citizens we will wear down deep in our hearts the badge of mourning for the illustrious dead, and in our memories give place to his virtues as a man and his deeds as a patriot.

.. *Resolved* 4th, That a copy of these resolutions be handed our home papers and the *Atlanta Constitution*, with a request for their publication: that a copy be transmitted to the Georgia Legislature, now in session, and a copy, together with an expression of our heart-felt sympathy, be forwarded the bereaved family

The President announced the following as the Committee on Rules: President of the Senate, *ex officio* Chairman: Senators: Battle, Kilpatrick, Dunwody, Stewart of the Twenty-seventh District.

By unanimous consent Senator Dunwody offered the following resolution, which was read and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary be and is hereby instructed to arrange the seats in this chamber in the same manner in which they were arranged during the last session of the Senate.

The hour fixed by joint resolution for convening the General Assembly in joint session for the election of Judges and Solicitors-General having arrived, the President so announced, and the Senate repaired to the hall of the House of Representatives. Being received by the House of Representatives, the President took the chair and called the General Assembly to order, and ordered that the Secretary read the joint resolution conveying the joint session.

The resolution was read.

The report of the Joint Committee on offices to be filled by the present General Assembly was also read.

The President announced that the first in order was the election of a Solicitor-General for the Brunswick

circuit caused by the resignation of Hon. W. G. Brantley

Representative Dickerson placed in nomination W. M. Toomer, Esq., of the county of Ware.

There being no other nominations the roll was called and Mr. Toomer received 135 votes. This being a majority of all the votes cast he was declared elected Solicitor-General of the Brunswick Circuit for the unexpired term ending January 1, 1897.

The President announced as next in order the election of a Solicitor-General for the Brunswick Circuit for the term of four years beginning January 1, 1897

Mr. C. C. Thomas, of Ware, placed in nomination the Hon. J. W. Bennett of the county of Wayne.

There being no other nomination, the roll was called and Mr. Bennett received 122 votes, the entire vote cast. He was declared elected Solicitor-General of the Brunswick Circuit for the term of four years beginning January 1, 1897

The next election ordered was that for a Judge of the Chattahoochee Circuit.

Mr. John D. Little, of the county of Muscogee, placed in nomination the Hon. W. B. Butt of Muscogee county.

There being no other nomination the roll was called and upon counting the votes the Hon. W. B. Butt received 128 votes, the entire vote cast, and he was declared elected as Judge of the Chattahoochee Circuit for the term of four years from January 1, 1897

The President announced as next in order the election of a Solicitor-General for the Chattahoochee Circuit for the ensuing term.

Mr. Chapman, of Muscogee placed in nomination the Hon. S. Price Gilbert.

There being no other nomination the roll was called and Mr. Gilbert received 121 votes, the entire vote cast. This being a majority of the General Assembly, he was declared elected as Solicitor-General of the Chattahoochee Circuit for the term of four years from January 1, 1897

The next election ordered was for Judge of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit.

Mr. Slaton, of Fulton county, nominated Hon. J. H. Lumpkin of the county of Fulton.

There being no other nomination, the roll was called and Mr. Lumpkin received 151 votes. This being a majority of the vote cast he was declared elected Judge of the Atlanta Circuit for the term of four years from January 1, 1897

The next election in order was for Solicitor-General of the Atlanta Circuit.

Mr. Knowles, of Fulton, placed in nomination the name of Hon. Charles D. Hill, of the county of Fulton.

There being no other nomination, the roll was called, and Mr. Hill received 134 votes, the entire vote cast, and he was declared elected Solicitor-General of the Atlanta Circuit for the term of four years from January 1, 1897.

The President announced as next in order the election of a Judge for the Albany Circuit for the unexpired term ending January 1, 1897, to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of the Hon. B. B. Bower.

Mr. J. B. Bussey, of the county of Randolph, placed in nomination the Hon. William N. Spence of the county of Mitchell.

There being no other nomination, the roll was called and Mr. Spence received 125 votes, the entire vote cast, and being a majority of the General Assembly, he was declared elected Judge of the Albany Circuit for the unexpired term ending January 1, 1897.

At 1 p. m. the joint session was, on motion of Representative Felder of Fulton, dissolved until 3 o'clock p. m., and the Senate withdrew from the hall of the House to the Senate chamber, and was there called to order by the President.

On motion of Senator Battle the Senate adjourned until 2:55 p. m.

Senate Chamber, 2:55 p. m.

The Senate reconvened at 2:55 p. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

On motion of Mr. Hudson of the Thirteenth District, the roll-call was dispensed with.

The hour for the reassembling of the General Assembly in joint session to continue the election of Judges and Solicitors-General having arrived, the Pres-

ident made announcement thereof, and the Senate in a body repaired to the hall of the House of Representatives. Being received by the House, the President assumed the chair and called the General Assembly to order.

The unfinished business of the morning session was resumed, and the President announced as next in order the election of a Judge for the Albany Circuit for the full term.

Mr. Johnson, of Hall, placed in nomination the Hon. William N Spence of the county of Mitchell.

There being no other nomination, the roll was called and he received 120 votes. Being a majority of all the votes cast, the Hon. William N Spence was declared elected as Judge of the Albany Circuit for the term of four years from January 1, 1897

The next in order was the election of a Solicitor-General of the Albany Circuit for the unexpired term ending January 1, 1897

Mr. Wight, of Dougherty, nominated the Hon. W. E. Wooten of the county of Dougherty

There being no other nomination, the roll was called and Mr. Wooten received 126 votes. This being a majority of all the votes cast, the Hon. W. E. Wooten was declared elected Solicitor-General of the Albany Circuit for the unexpired term ending January 1, 1897

The next election in order was for Solicitor-General of the Albany Circuit for the full term.

Mr. Wight, of Dougherty, nominated Hon. W. E. Wooten.

There being no other nomination, the roll was called and he received 125 votes. This being a majority of all the votes cast, Hon. W. E. Wooten was declared elected Solicitor-General of the Albany Circuit for the term of four years from January 1, 1897

The President announced as next in order the election of a Solicitor-General for the full term of four years from January 1, 1897, for the Augusta Circuit.

Mr. Brinson, of the Seventeenth District, nominated the Hon. Wm. H. Davis of the county of Burke.

There being no other nomination, the roll was called and he received 128 votes. This being a majority of all the votes cast, the Hon. Wm. H. Davis was declared elected Solicitor-General of the Augusta Circuit for the full term beginning January 1, 1897

The next election ordered was for Judge of the Cherokee Circuit for full term beginning January 1, 1897

Mr. Vincent, of Bartow, placed in nomination the Hon. Augustus W. Fite of the county of Bartow.

There being no other nomination, the roll-call was ordered, and Mr. Fite received 126 votes. This being a majority of all the votes cast, the Hon. Augustus W. Fite was declared elected Judge of the Cherokee Circuit for the term of four years from January 1, 1897

The next election in order was for Solicitor-General of the Cherokee Circuit for the full term, from January, 1897.

Mr. Berry, of Whitfield, placed in nomination the Hon. Sam P. Maddox of the county of Whitfield.

There being no other nomination, the roll was called, and Mr. Maddox having 120 votes, a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected Solicitor-General of the Cherokee Circuit for the term of four years from January 1, 1897

The next election ordered was for a Judge of the Stone Mountain Circuit for the unexpired term ending January 1, 1897, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Hon. Richard H. Clark.

Mr. B. H. Hill, of Troup, nominated the Hon. John S. Candler of the county of DeKalb.

There being no other nomination, the roll-call was ordered, and he received 122 votes. Being a majority of all the votes cast, the Hon. John S. Candler was declared duly elected as Judge of the Stone Mountain Circuit for the unexpired term ending January 1, 1897.

The next in order was the election of a Judge for the full term for the Stone Mountain Circuit.

Mr. Henderson, of DeKalb, placed in nomination the Hon. John S. Candler of the county of DeKalb.

There being no other nomination, the roll was called and he received 126 votes. Being a majority of all the votes cast, the Hon. John S. Candler was declared elected Judge of the Stone Mountain Circuit for the term of four years from January 1, 1897

On motion of Senator Hudson of the Thirteenth District, the joint session of the General Assembly dissolved until 10:30 a. m. to-morrow. †

The Senate withdrew to the Senate chamber where it was called to order by the President.

On motion of Senator McFarland, the Senate adjourned until 10 a.m. to-morrow

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Thursday, November 5, 1896.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by Senator A. Atkinson of the Twenty-sixth District.

The roll of the Senate was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Allen,	Flynt,	Shropshire,
Atkinson,	Geiger,	Starr,
Battle,	Goldin,	Stewart, 27th,
Blalock,	Golightly,	Stewart, 34th,
Brinson,	Gray,	Strother,
Brooke,	Ham,	Thomson,
Carter,	Hopkins,	Turner,
Castleberry,	Hudson,	Van Buren,
Comas,	Kemp,	Walker, 40th,
Cook,	Kilpatrick,	Westmoreland,
Culver,	Mann,	Wilcox,
Dunwoody,	McFarland,	Witcher,
Everett,	Redwine,	Wooten.
Flewellen,	Sheffield,	Mr. President.

Those absent were Messrs.—

Stevens, Walker, 18th.

The Journal was read and approved.

The call of the Senate was ordered for the introduction of bills and resolutions.

Mr. Gray, of the Twenty-third District, offered the following bill, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on General Judiciary, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to define and punish the crime of stealing hogs, cattle, sheep and other domestic animals of less value than (\$20.00) twenty dollars, and provide penalties therefor.

Mr. Culver, of the Twentieth District, offered the following privilege resolution, which was read and adopted, to wit:

A resolution inviting the Hon. Patrick Walsh of the county of Richmond to a seat on the floor of the Senate during his stay in the city.

The hour having arrived for the re-convening of the joint session of the General Assembly for the election of Judges and Solicitors-General of the various circuits, the Senate proceeded to the hall of the House of Representatives, and were received by the members of the House standing.

The President of the Senate called the joint session of the General Assembly to order, and announced that nominations were in order for the unexpired term of Solicitor-General of the Stone Mountain circuit.

Mr. Nisbet, of Clayton, placed in nomination for the unexpired term of Solicitor-General of the Stone Mountain circuit, the Hon. W T. Kimsey of the county of Clayton.

There being no other nominations, the roll was ordered called, and Mr. Kimsey received 162 votes. This being the entire vote cast, the Hon. W T Kimsey of the county of Clayton, was declared duly elected for the unexpired term of Solicitor-General of the Stone Mountain circuit, ending January 1, 1897

Mr. Nisbet, of Clayton, placed in nomination for the full term of Solicitor-General of the Stone Mountain circuit, beginning January 1, 1897, the Hon. Wm. T. Kimsey of the county of Clayton.

There being no other nominations, the call of the roll was ordered, and Mr. Kimsey received 146 votes. This being the entire vote cast, Mr. Kimsey was declared duly elected for the full term of Solicitor-General of the Stone Mountain circuit, beginning January 1, 1897

Mr. Mozley, of Cobb, placed in nomination the Hon. Geo. F Gober, of the county of Cobb, for the full term of Judge of the Blue Ridge circuit beginning January 1, 1897

There being no other nominations, the roll was called and Mr. Gober, having received 154 votes, was declared duly elected Judge of the Blue Ridge circuit beginning January 1, 1897

The next election was for the full term of Solicitor-General of the Blue Ridge circuit beginning January 1, 1897

Mr. Webb, of the county of Cherokee, placed in nomination the Hon. Thos. Hutchinson of the county of Cherokee.

There being no other nominations, the roll was called and the Hon. Thos. Hutchinson, having received 152 votes, was declared duly elected Solicitor-General of the Blue Ridge circuit for the full term beginning January 1, 1897.

Mr. Atkinson, of the Twenty-sixth District, placed in nomination the Hon. O. H. B. Bloodworth, of the county of Monroe, for the full term of Solicitor-General of the Flint circuit beginning January 1, 1897

There being no other nominations, the roll was called and Mr. Bloodworth, having received 148 votes, was declared duly elected Solicitor-General of the Flint circuit for the full term beginning January 1, 1897

Mr. West, of Lowndes, placed in nomination for the full term of Solicitor-General of the Southern circuit beginning January 1, 1897, the Hon. Wm. E. Thomas, of the county of Lowndes.

There being no other nominations, the roll was ordered called and Mr. Thomas, having received 143 votes, was declared duly elected Solicitor-General of the Southern circuit for the full term beginning January 1, 1897.

Mr. Hopkins, of the Seventh District, placed in nomination for the unexpired term of Solicitor-General of the Southern circuit ending January 1, 1897, Hon. J. L. Hall of the county of Colquitt.

There being no other nominations, the roll was ordered called and Mr. Hall, having received 148 votes, was declared duly elected Solicitor-General for the unexpired term ending January 1, 1897

The next election announced was that of the unexpired term of the Rome Circuit Judgeship.

Mr. Shropshire, of the Forty-second District, placed in nomination the Hon. W M. Henry, of Floyd county, for the unexpired term.

There being no other nominations the roll was called and Mr. Henry, having received 141 votes, was declared duly elected Judge of the Rome circuit for the unexpired term.

The next election announced by the President was that of Solicitor-General of the Rome circuit for the full term beginning January 1, 1897.

Mr. McFarland, of the Forty-fourth District, nominated the Hon. Moses Wright, of Floyd, for the full term of Solicitor-General, beginning January 1, 1897

There being no other nominations, the roll was ordered called and Mr. Wright, having received 146 votes, was declared elected Solicitor-General.

The next election announced was that of Judge of the Southwestern circuit for the full term beginning January 1, 1897.

Mr. Dodson, of Sumter, nominated the Hon. Wm. H. Fish for Judge of the Southwestern circuit for the full term.

There being no other nominations, the roll was called and Mr. Fish received 146 votes. This being the entire vote cast, Mr. Fish was declared duly elected Judge of the Southwestern circuit.

Mr. Hudson, of the Thirteenth District, placed in nomination the Hon. T. A. Hooper, of the county of Sumter, for Solicitor-General of the Southwestern circuit, full term, beginning January 1, 1897

There being no other nominations, the roll was called and Mr. Hooper received 146 votes. This being the entire vote cast, Mr. Hooper was declared duly elected Solicitor-General of the Southwestern circuit for the full term beginning January 1, 1897

Mr. Longley moved that the joint session be dissolved.

Mr. Slaton, of Fulton, moved to amend by adjourning until 2:55 p. m., which motion was adopted.

The Senate returned to the Senate chamber, and were called to order by the President.

The following communication was received from His Excellency, the Governor, through his Secretary, Mr. Warren, to wit:

Mr. President:

I am directed by the Governor to deliver to the Senate a communication in writing:

Executive Department,
Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 5, 1896.

To the General Assembly:

I have the honor to inform you that a vacancy exists in the office of Solicitor-General of the Blue Ridge circuit, occasioned by the death of George R. Brown, Esq.

W Y Atkinson, Governor.

On motion of Mr. Stewart of the Thirty-fourth district, the Senate adjourned until 2:55 p. m.

Senate Chamber, 2:55 p. m.

The Senate met at 2:55 p. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

On motion of Mr. Hudson of the Thirteenth District, the call of the roll was dispensed with.

The President announced that the hour for the joint session of the General Assembly having arrived, the Senate would proceed to the hall of the House of Representatives, where they were received by the members of the House, standing.

The first election announced was for the unexpired term of Solicitor-General of the Blue Ridge circuit, caused by the death of the Hon. George R. Brown.

Mr. Webb, of Cherokee, nominated Hon. Thos. Hutchinson.

On the call of the roll Hon. Thos. Hutchinson was declared elected, having received 157 votes.

The President announced the next election that for the full term of the Coweta circuit Judgeship, beginning January 1, 1897

Mr. McLaughlin, of Meriwether, placed in nomination Hon. S. W. Harris.

There being no other nominations, the call of the roll was ordered, and Mr. Harris, having received 157 votes, was declared elected.

Mr. Hill, of Troup, placed in nomination Hon. Thos. A. Atkinson of the county of Troup, for the full term

of Solicitor-General of the Coweta circuit, beginning January 1, 1897

On the call of the roll Mr. Atkinson, having received 157 votes, was declared duly elected Solicitor-General of the Coweta circuit.

The next election announced was that of the Eastern circuit Judgeship for full term.

Mr. Stewart, of the Twenty-seventh District, nominated Hon. Robert Falligant of Chatham.

On the call of the roll Mr. Falligant, having received 145 votes, was declared elected.

The next election announced was that of the Solicitor-General of the Eastern circuit for the full term beginning January 1, 1897

Mr. Mansfield, of McIntosh, nominated the Hon. Wm. W Osborne of the county of Chatham.

There being no other nominations, the call of the roll was ordered and Mr. Osborne, having received 156 votes, was declared duly elected Solicitor-General of the Eastern circuit for the full term commencing January 1, 1897

The next election announced was for Judge of the Northern circuit for full term.

Mr. Burwell, of Hancock, nominated the Hon. Seaborn Reese of the county of Hancock.

There being no other nominations, the roll-call was ordered, and Mr. Reese was declared duly elected, having received 160 votes.

The next election announced was for the unexpired term of Solicitor-General of the Northern circuit, ending January 1, 1897

Mr Smith, of Hancock, nominated the Hon. Frank H. Colley of Wilkes county.

There being no other nominations, the call of the roll was ordered and Mr. Colley, having received 162 votes, was declared duly elected Solicitor-General of the Northern circuit for the unexpired term ending January 1, 1897.

Mr. Smith, of Hancock, placed in nomination for the full term of Solicitor-General of the Northern Circuit Hon. Robert H. Lewis of the county of Hancock.

There being no other nominations, the call of the roll was ordered and the Hon. Robert H. Lewis, having received 163 votes, was declared duly elected Solicitor-General for the full term commencing January 1, 1897.

The next election announced was for the Judgeship of the Oconee circuit, full term, beginning January 1, 1897

Mr. Brown, of Pulaski, placed in nomination the Hon. C. C. Smith of the county of Pulaski, for Judge of the Oconee circuit, full term, beginning January 1, 1897

There being no other nominations, the call of the roll was ordered, and Mr. Smith was declared duly elected, having received 155 votes.

On motion of Mr. Turner, of the Thirty-seventh District, the joint session of the General Assembly was adjourned until 10.30 a. m. to-morrow.

The Senators returned to the Senate chamber and were called to order by the President.

On motion of Senator Hopkins of the Seventh District, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Friday, November 6, 1896.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, with President *pro tem.* Gray presiding.

Prayer was offered by Prof. G. R. Glenn, State School Commissioner.

On the call of the roll, the following Senators answered to their names :

Allen,	Geiger,	Starr,
Atkinson,	Goldin,	Stevens,
Battle,	Golightly,	Stewart, 27th,
Blalock,	Gray,	Stewart, 34th,
Brinson,	Ham,	Strother,
Brooke,	Hopkins,	Thomson,
Carter,	Hudson,	Turner,
Castleberry,	Kemp,	Van Buren,
Comas,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 40th,
Cook,	Mann,	Westmoreland,
Culver,	McFarland,	Wilcox,
Dunwody,	Redwine,	Witcher,
Everett,	Sheffield,	Wooten,
Flewellen,	Shropshire,	Mr. President.
Flynt,		

Mr. Walker of 18th absent.

The Journal was read and approved.

The President announced that the hour for the reconvening of the joint session having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives and were received by the members of the House, standing.

The first election announced was that of the unexpired term of the Pataula circuit Judgeship, ending January 1, 1897

Mr. Hightower, of Early, placed in nomination for the unexpired term of the Pataula circuit Judgeship, the Hon. H. C. Sheffield of Early.

There being no other nominations, the call of the roll was ordered and Mr. Sheffield, having received 165 votes, was declared duly elected Judge of the Pataula circuit for the unexpired term ending January 1, 1897

The next election in order was that of the full term of the Pataula circuit Judgeship, commencing January 1, 1897

Mr. Hightower, of Early, nominated the Hon. H. C. Sheffield of the county of Early, for the full term of the Pataula circuit Judgeship.

There being no other nominations, the call of the roll was ordered and the Hon. H. C. Sheffield, having received 158 votes, was declared duly elected Judge of the Pataula circuit.

The next election announced was that of the unexpired term of Solicitor-General of the Pataula circuit.

Mr. Boifeuillet, of Bibb, nominated the Hon. J R. Irwin, of Clay, for Solicitor-General of the Pataula circuit for the unexpired term ending January 1, 1897.

Mr. Irwin, having received 161 votes, was declared duly elected Solicitor-General for the unexpired term.

Hon. John T Boifeuillet, of Bibb, placed in nomination for the full term of Solicitor-General of the Pataula circuit the Hon. John R. Irwin, of the county of Clay

There being no other nominations, the roll was called and Mr. Irwin, having received 164 votes, was declared duly elected Solicitor-General of the Pataula circuit for the full term commencing January 1, 1897

Mr. Reid, of Bibb, nominated the Hon. Wm. H. Felton, of Bibb, for the unexpired term of the Macon Judicial circuit.

Mr. Felton, having received 160 votes, was declared duly elected Judge of the Macon Judicial circuit, ending January 1, 1897

Mr. Reid, of Bibb, nominated Hon. W H. Felton for Judge of the Macon circuit for the full term commencing January 1, 1897

Mr. Felton, having received 157 votes, was declared duly elected Judge of the Macon circuit.

Mr. Craig, of Bibb, nominated the Hon. A. W Lane, of the county of Bibb, for the unexpired term of Solicitor-General of the Macon circuit.

The roll was called, and Mr. Lane, having received 167 votes, was declared duly elected Solicitor-General for the unexpired term.

Mr. Reid placed in nomination the Hon. Robert Hodges, of Bibb county, for Solicitor-General of the

Macon circuit for the full term commencing January 1, 1897.

Mr. Hodges, having received 165 votes, was declared duly elected Solicitor-General of the Macon circuit.

Mr. Thomason, of Morgan, nominated the Hon. H. G. Lewis, of Greene county, for Solicitor-General of the Ocmulgee circuit for the full term beginning January 1, 1897

Mr. Lewis, having received 168 votes, was declared duly elected Solicitor-General of the Ocmulgee circuit.

Senator Stewart, of the Thirty-fourth District, nominated the Hon. Charles H. Brand, of the county of Gwinnett, for the full term of Solicitor-General of the Western circuit.

Mr. Brand, having received 175 votes, was declared duly elected Solicitor-General of the Western circuit.

On motion of Mr. Felder of Fulton, the joint session of the General Assembly was adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m.

The Senators returned to the Senate Chamber and were called to order by President *pro tem.* Gray.

Leaves of absence were granted Senators Kilpatrick and Van Buren.

Senator Redwine gave notice of invitation to hear Hon. J. W. Robertson address the General Assembly this evening at 8 o'clock.

On motion of Senator Culver of the Twentieth District, the Senate adjourned till 2:40 p.m.

Senate Chamber, 2 p.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, with President *pro tem.* Gray presiding.

On motion of Senator Ham of the Sixth District, the roll-call was dispensed with.

The President announced that the hour for the reconvening of the joint session having arrived, the Senate would repair to the hall of the House of Representatives, where they were received by the members of the House standing.

The first election announced was for the full term of Solicitor-General of the Middle circuit.

Mr. Mann, of the Second District, nominated the Hon. B. T. Rawlings, of the county of Washington, who, having received 170 votes, was declared elected.

On motion of Senator Mann, the joint session adjourned and the Senators returned to their chamber.

The Senate was called to order by President *pro tem.* Gray.

Senator Hopkins, of the Seventh District, offered the following privilege resolution, which was read and adopted :

A resolution inviting the Hon. T. G. Cranford, of the county of Lowndes, to a seat on the floor of the Senate during his stay in the city.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the following resolution, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution authorizing the Speaker of the House to appoint an extra Doorkeeper for the House of Representatives.

On motion of Senator Kilpatrick, the resolution just received from the House was taken up and concurred in.

Senator McFarland, of the Forty-fourth District, was granted leave of absence.

On motion of Mr. Carter of the Thirty-first District, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Saturday, November 7, 1896.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10 o'clock a. m. with President in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Senator Atkinson of the Twenty-second District.

On the call of the roll the following Senators responded to their names.

Allen,
Atkinson,
Battle,
Brinson,

Geiger,
Goldin,
Golightly,
Gray,

Stevens,
Stewart, 27th,
Stewart, 34th,
Strother,

Brooke,	Ham,	Thomson,
Carter,	Hopkins,	Turner,
Castleberry,	Hudson,	Walker, 18th,
Comas,	Kemp,	Walker, 40th,
Cook,	Mann,	Westmoreland,
Culver,	Redwine,	Wilcox,
Dunwody,*	Sheffield,	Witcher,
Everett,	Shropshire,	Wooten,
Flewellen,	Starr,	Mr. President.
Flynt,		

Those absent were Messrs.—

Blalock,	McFarland,	Van Buren.
Kilpatrick,		

The journal was read and approved.

Senator Battle, Chairman *pro tem.* of the Committee on Rules, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted.

Mr. President :

The Committee on Rules have had under consideration the matter of submitting rules for the government of the present Senate, and beg leave to submit the following report.

First. We recommend the adoption of the rules governing the last Senate and the rules governing the Joint Session of the General Assembly in use by the last General Assembly for the government of the present body except as hereafter set forth.

Second. We recommend the creation of a Committee to be known as the Appropriation Committee, to which shall be referred all bills or resolutions which provide for an expenditure of the public money and all appropriation bills generally.

Third. We recommend that the duty of the Finance Committee shall be to provide the ways and means of

raising revenue for the State government by taxation and of providing funds for such matters of appropriations as shall be recommended.

Fourth. We recommend the creation of a new committee to be known as the Committee on Pensions, to whom shall be referred all bills and resolutions relating to pensions.

Fifth. We recommend that the committees now known as the Committee on Public Property and the Committee on Halls and Committee Rooms be consolidated to one committee, to be known as the Committee on Public Property and Halls and Committee Rooms.

Sixth. We recommend generally that all committees as provided under the rules of the Senate of 1894-5 be continued of force, except as herein provided.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. Battle, Chairman *pro tem*.

The President submitted a list of committees for the present session of the Senate, as follows, to wit :

STANDING COMMITTEES

OF THE SENATE.

GENERAL JUDICIARY

BATTLE, Chairman.

Shropshire,	Redwine,
Hopkins,	Brinson,
Kilpatrick,	Turner,
Dunwody,	Thomson,
Golightly,	Westmoreland,
Walker of 18th,	Mann,
Starr,	Brooke.

FINANCE.

BLALOCK, Chairman.

Sheffield,	Comas,
Stewart of 34th,	Everett,
Flewellen,	Witcher,
Hopkins,	Wilcox,
Redwine,	Wooten,
Kilpatrick,	Ham,
McFarland,	Stevens,
Dunwody,	Carter,
Geiger,	Flynt,
Battle,	Allen.

PENITENTIARY

COOK, Chairman.

Culver,	Dunwody,
McFarland,	Atkinson,

Kilpatrick,	Witcher,
Wooten,	Thomson,
Battle,	Flewellen,
Shropshire,	Carter,
Walker of 40th,	Flynt,
Everett,	Allen.
Geiger,	

SPECIAL JUDICIARY.

SHROPSHIRE, Chairman.

Golightly,	Redwine,
Walker of 18th,	Turner.
Brinson,	

RAILROADS.

KILPATRICK, Chairman.

Battle,	Turner,
Brinson,	Starr,
Cook,	Stewart of 34th,
Everett,	Blalock,
Flewellen,	McFarland,
Hudson,	Kemp,
Stewart of 27th,	Carter.

APPROPRIATIONS.

STEVENS, Chairman.

Gray,	Cook,
Dunwody,	Wilcox,
Blalock,	Witcher,
Culver,	Wooten,
Stewart of 27th,	Westmoreland,
Battle,	Kilpatrick,
Hudson,	Goldin,
Walker of 40th,	Strother.
Golightly,	

TEMPERANCE.

ATKINSON, Chairman.

Sheffield,	Mann,
Shropshire,	Witcher,
McFarland,	Hopkins,
Battle,	Stewart of 27th,
Turner,	Everett,
Walker of 18th,	Goldin,
Comas,	Kemp.

PENSIONS.

FLEWELLEN, Chairman.

Geiger,	Stewart of 27th,
Culver,	Turner,
Redwine,	Wooten,
Blalock,	Golightly,
Mann,	Shropshire,
Everett,	Ham,
Hopkins,	Goldin,
Atkinson,	Flynt.

JOURNAL.

VAN BUREN, Chairman.

Stewart of 34th,	Walker of 40th,
Thomson,	Flynt.

CORPORATIONS.

GOLIGHTLY, Chairman.

Thomson,	Walker of 18th,
Starr,	Hudson,
Van Buren,	Brooke.

LUNATIC ASYLUM.

STEWART of 27th, Chairman.

Hopkins,	Golightly,
Geiger,	Wilcox,
Sheffield,	Everett,
Wooten,	Hudson,
Comas,	Culver,
Walker of 18th,	Goldin,
Battle,	Castleberry.
Atkinson,	

ENGROSSING.

WESTMORELAND, Chairman.

Ham,	Starr,
Wooten,	Brooke.

PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS.

TURNER, Chairman.

Brinson,	Mann,
Ham,	Thomson,
Redwine,	Strother,
Everett,	Brooke.

RELIEF SUPREME COURT.

HOPKINS, Chairman.

Dunwody,	Redwine,
Walker of 18th,	Kilpatrick,
Battle,	Brooke.

AGRICULTURE.

HUDSON, Chairman.

Everett,	Sheffield,
Atkinson,	Mann,
Witcher,	Cook,

Stevens,	Flewellen,
Geiger,	Van Buren,
Ham,	Walker of 40th,
Wilcox,	Carter,
Wooten,	Strother.
Culver,	

PUBLIC ROADS.

McFARLAND, Chairman.

Geiger,	Van Buren,
Wilcox,	Walker of 18th,
Ham,	Flynt,
Turner,	Brooke.
Golightly,	

MANUFACTORIES.

REDWINE, Chairman.

Everett,	Hudson,
Culver,	Walker of 18th,
Gray ,	Castleberry

BANKS.

STEWART of 34th, Chairman.

Gray,	Thomson,
Westmoreland,	Mann,
Comas,	Castleberry.
Turner,	

MILITARY

DUNWODY, Chairman.

Battle,	Stevens,
Geiger,	Shropshire.
Blalock,	Allen.
Walker of 18th,	

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

HAM, Chairman.

Van Buren,	McFarland,
Thomson,	Allen,
Shropshire,	Kemp.
Walker of 40th,	

EDUCATION.

STARR, Chairman.

Walker of 40th,	Culver,
Brinson,	Van Buren,
Wilcox,	Sheffield,
Westmoreland,	McFarland,
Mann,	Flewellen,
Wooten,	Flynt,
Ham,	Strother,
Redwine,	Allen.

PRIVILEGES OF FLOOR.

THOMSON, Chairman.

Ham,	Brooke.
Everett,	

ENROLLMENT.

BRINSON, Chairman.

Walker of 40th,	Witcher,
Wilcox,	Westmoreland.
Comas,	

AUDITING.

WITCHER, Chairman.

Everett,	Strother.
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ACADEMY OF THE BLIND.

GEIGER, Chairman.

Stewart of 34th,-	McFarland,
Culver,	Brinson,
Turner,	Stevens,
Blalock,	Strother.
Starr,	

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS.

EVERETT, Chairman.

Stevens,	Kilpatrick,
Battle,	Brooke,
Cook,	Allen.

GEORGIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

COMAS, Chairman.

Geiger,	Westmoreland,
Walker of 18th,	Atkinson,
Mann,	Sheffield,
Ham,	Van Buren,
Hudson,	Kemp.

PUBLIC PRINTING.

SHEFFIELD, Chairman.

Blalock,	Shropshire,
Culver,	Kemp.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

WALKER of 18th, Chairman.

Starr,	Golightly.
Shropshire,	

IMMIGRATION AND LABOR.

MANN, Chairman.

Geiger,	Hopkins,
Dunwody,	Wooten,
Ham,	Allen.

MINES AND MINING.

WALKER of 40th, Chairman.

McFarland,	Redwine,
Witcher,	Castleberry.

PETITIONS.

WOOTEN, Chairman.

Sheffield,	Ham,
Cook,	Castleberry.
Golightly,	

STATE OF REPUBLIC.

CULVER, Chairman.

Atkinson,	Stewart of 34th,
Starr,	Allen,
Westmoreland,	Carter,
Ham,	Strother.

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND HALLS AND COMMITTEE ROOMS.

GRAY, Chairman.

Flewellen,	Kemp,
Brinson,	Allen.
Redwine,	

HYGIENE AND SANITATION.

WILCOX, Chairman.

Stewart of 27th,	Flewellen,
Geiger,	Goldin.
Comas,	

Mr. Battle, of the Twenty-fourth District, moved to adjourn until 12 o'clock Monday, which motion was adopted.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Monday, 12 O'clock m., November 9, 1896.

The Senate met Monday morning, 12 o'clock m., pursuant to adjournment, the President presiding.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

On the call of the roll, the following Senators responded to their names :

Allen,	Geiger,	Stevens,
Atkinson,	Goldin,	Stewart, 27th,
Battle,	Golightly,	Stewart, 34th,
Blalock,	Gray,	Strother,
Brinson,	Ham,	Thomson,
Brooke,	Hopkins,	Turner,
Carter,	Hudson,	Van Buren,
Castleberry,	Kemp,	Walker, 18th,
Comas,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 40th,
Cook,	Mann,	Westmoreland,
Culver,	McFarland,	Wilcox,
Dunwody,	Redwine,	Witcher,
Everett,	Sheffield,	Wooten,
Flewellen,	Shropshire,	Mr. President.
Flynt,		

Mr. Starr absent.

The Journal was read and approved.

On the call of the roll for the introduction of new matter, the following bills were read first time and referred :

By Mr. Dunwoody of the Fourth District—

A bill to be entitled an act to direct the title of persons in possession claiming title by prescription to ungranted lands, and for other purposes.

Referred to Committee on General Judiciary

By Mr. Stevens of the Eleventh District—

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 1305 of the Code of 1882, changing the time of electing members of Congress from Georgia, and for other purposes.

Referred to Committee on General Judiciary.

Mr. Battle, of the Twenty-fourth, offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted, to wit:

A resolution requesting the appointment of two from the Senate and three from the House, for the purpose of considering the report of the special attorney of the Western and Atlantic R. R. Committee: Battle and Gray.

Mr. Battle, of the Twenty-fourth District, offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

A resolution requiring the Secretary of the Senate to have one hundred copies of the standing committees of the Senate printed in pamphlet form for use of the Senate.

The following House resolution by Mr. Calvin, of Richmond, was concurred in by the Senate, to wit:

A resolution, directing the appointment of a special joint committee from the Senate and House of Representatives on amending the election laws of this State.

Committee on the part of the Senate: Hopkins, Turner, Walker of Eighteenth, Geiger and Brooke.

The following House bill, by Mr. Felder of Fulton, was read the first time and ordered engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish and maintain a local public school system in the county of Fulton, and for other purposes.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed the following bill of the House by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish and maintain a local public school system in the county of Fulton, outside the city of Atlanta and of the town of East Point, and for other purposes.

The House has adopted the following joint resolutions in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution directing a special joint committee on amending the election laws of this State.

The committee on the part of the House are: Messrs. Calvin of Richmond, chairman; Boynton of Calhoun, Meldrim, Hall, Henderson of Forsyth, Felder, Craig, Burwell, Charters.

Also, a resolution upon the death of Hon. Charles F Crisp.

The following resolution of the House, by Mr. Nevin of Floyd, was concurred in by the rising vote of the Senate and ordered spread on the Journal.

A joint resolution upon the death of Hon. Charles F Crisp.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas, On the 23d day of October, 1896, God, in his infinite wisdom and mercy, saw fit to remove from our midst our well beloved friend, Hon. Chas. F Crisp; and,

Whereas, In his death, the State and the United States sustain an irreparable loss ; and,

Whereas, It is fitting that this Assembly take official notice of this great calamity ; therefore,

Resolved 1st. That it is the sense of this General Assembly that the State of Georgia has lost by the death of Hon. Charles F Crisp one of its best and purest statesmen. A man whom it was a patriotic pleasure to honor and a man who has reflected signal credit upon his State from the day of his entrance into public life until the day of his death.

Resolved 2d. That we extend to the family of the late Statesman our deepest sympathy in their distress and sorrow.

Resolved 3d. That a copy of these resolutions, properly attested by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

Resolved 4th. That these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House and the Journal of the Senate as a mark of respect to the illustrious dead.

Leave of absence was granted Senator Starr for an indefinite time on account of sickness.

Mr. Witcher, of the Thirtieth District, introduced the following privilege resolution which was read and adopted :

A resolution inviting the Hon. William M. Howard of the county of Oglethorpe, and member-elect of Congress from the Eighth Georgia District, to a seat on the floor of the Senate during his stay in the city

On motion of Senator McFarland, Hon. John M. Vandiver, Postmaster of the city of Rome, was extended the privileges of the floor of the Senate during his stay in the city

On motion of Senator Culver of the Twentieth District, Hon. Thos. B. Cabaniss was extended the privileges of the floor of the Senate during his stay in Atlanta.

On motion of Senator Stewart of the Thirty-fourth District, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock a m. to-morrow.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Tuesday, November 10, 1896, 10 O'clock a.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10 o'clock a.m., with the President presiding.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

On the call of the roll, the following Senators responded to their names.

Allen,	Geiger,	Stevens,
Atkinson,	Goldin,	Stewart, 27th,
Battle,	Golightly,	Stewart, 34th,
Blalock,	Gray,	Strother,
Brinson,	Ham,	Thomson,
Brooke,	Hopkins,	Turner,
Carter,	Hudson,	Van Buren,
Castleberry,	Kemp,	Walker, 18th,

Comas,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 40th,
Cook,	Mann,	Westmoreland,
Culver,	McFarland,	Wilcox,
Dunwoody,	Redwine,	Witcher,
Everett,	Sheffield,	Wooten,
Flewellen,	Shropshire,	Mr. President.
Flynt,		

Mr. Starr absent.

Senator Van Buren, of the Twenty-first District, Chairman of the Committee on Journal, reported the Journal correct, which was read and confirmed.

The following bill of the House was read the second time:

By Mr. Felder of Fulton County—

A bill to be entitled an act to establish and maintain a local public school system in the county of Fulton outside of the city of Atlanta and of the town of East Point; to provide for the levy and collection of a special tax in support of same, and for other purposes.

The following Senate bills were read first time and referred as indicated.

By Mr. Culver of the Twentieth District—

A bill to be entitled an act to declare null and void all obligations and contracts which may be made payable in any specific character, whether the same be in coin or otherwise.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Culver of the Twentieth District—

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the time and

place of filing the official bonds of the county officers in the various counties of this State, and for other purposes.

Referred to Committee on Special Judiciary.

By Mr. Shropshire of the Forty-second District—

A bill to be entitled an act to make women eligible to the office of State Librarian.

Referred to Committee on Special Judiciary.

Mr. Turner, of the Thirty-seventh District, introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted :

A resolution to enter at once into the election of United States Senator.

The Secretary of the Senate then read the section of the Code of 1882 prescribing the mode and time of electing a United States Senator as follows, to wit :

Section 1335 (1363) (1282). United States Senators, when elected. [The Legislature of each State, which shall be chosen next preceding the expiration of the time for which any Senator was elected to represent said State in Congress, shall, on the second Tuesday after the meeting and organization thereof, proceed to elect a Senator in Congress in the place of such Senator so going out of office.] (a)

Section 1336. Election, how conducted. Said election for such Senator shall be conducted in the following manner: Each House shall openly, by a *viva voce* of each member present, name one person for Senator in Congress from said State, and the name of the person so voted for, who shall have a majority of the whole number of votes cast in each house, shall be entered on

the Journal of each house by the Clerk or Secretary thereof; but if either house shall fail to give such majority to any person on said day, that fact shall be entered on the Journal. At 12 o'clock, meridian, of the day following that on which proceedings are required to take place, as aforesaid, the members of the two houses shall convene in joint assembly, and the Journal of each house shall then be read, and if the same person shall have received a majority of all the votes in each house, such person shall be duly declared elected Senator to represent said State in the Congress of the United States. But if the same person shall not have received a majority of the votes in each house, or if either house shall have failed to take proceedings as required in this section, the joint assembly shall then proceed to choose, by a *viva voce* vote of each member present, a person for the purpose aforesaid; and the person having a majority of all the votes of the said joint assembly, a majority of all the members elected to both houses being present and voting, shall be declared duly elected; and in case no person shall receive such majority on the first day, the joint assembly shall meet at twelve o'clock, meridian, of each succeeding day during the session of the Legislature, and take at least one vote until a Senator shall be elected.

On the call for nominations for United States Senator, the following nominations were made:

Mr. W. Y. Carter, of the Thirty-first District, nominated Hon. Wm. Phillips of Cobb.

Mr. Walker, of the Fortieth District, nominated Hon. A. B. Queen of Union.

Mr. Allen, of the Forty-first District, nominated Hon. J. F. Hanson of Bibb.

On the call of the roll the following Senators cast their votes for Hon. Wm. Phillips of the county of Cobb: Brooke, Carter, Castleberry, Flynt, Goldin, Strother, Kemp.

Those voting for Hon. J. S. Boynton of Spalding—Atkinson, Flewellen.

Those voting for Hanson of Bibb—Mr. Allen.

Those voting for Hon. L. F. Garrard of Muscogee—Mr. Battle.

Those voting for Hon. A. J. Munday of Clayton—Mr. Blalock.

Those voting for Hon. J. J. Jones of Burke—Mr. Brinson.

Senator Comas voted for Hon. John W. Johnson of Appling.

Senator Cook voted for Hon. E. B. Martin of Lee.

Senator Culver voted for Hon. Seaborn Reese of Hancock.

Senator Dunwody voted for Hon. Spencer R. Atkinson of Glynn.

Senator Geiger voted for Hon. Thos. M. Norwood of Chatham.

Senator Golightly voted for Hon. A. D. Freeman of Coweta.

Senator Gray voted for Hon. C. C. Duncan of Houston.

Senator Ham voted for Henry Peeples, Esq., of Berrien.

Senator Hopkins voted for Hon. R. G. Mitchell of Thomas.

Senator Hudson voted for Hon. Allen Fort of Sumter.

Senator Kilpatrick voted for Hon. F. C. Foster of Morgan.

Senator Mann voted for Hon. Wm. Clifton of McIntosh.

Senator McFarland voted for Hon. F. W. Copeland of Walker.

Senator Redwine voted for Hon. Wm. I. Pike of Jackson.

Senator Sheffield voted for Hon. W. A. Jordan of Early.

Senator Shropshire voted for the Hon. Joel Branham of Floyd.

Senator Stewart, of the Twenty-seventh, voted for Hon. Robt. U. Hardeman of Newton.

Senator Stewart of the Thirty-fourth, voted for Hon. Jno. B. Gordon of DeKalb.

Senator Thomson voted for Hon. D. M. Roberts of Dodge.

Senator Turner voted for Hon. P. G. Awtrey of Troup.

Senator Van Buren voted Hon. J. W. Lindsey of Wilkinson.

Senator Walker, of the Eighteenth District, voted for the Hon. Patrick Walsh of Richmond.

Senator Walker, of the Fortieth District, voted for the Hon. A. B. Queen of Union.

Senator Westmoreland voted for Hon. B. B. Bower of Decatur.

Senator Wilcox voted for Hon. C. A. Word of Coffee.

Senator Witcher voted for Hon. Jno. P. Shannon of Elbert.

Senator Wooten voted for John McRae of Montgomery.

Senator Berner voted for Hon. B. H. Zellner of Monroe.

Those not voting, Starr, Stevens—2.

There being 42 votes cast and no name having received a majority, the President declared no election.

On motion of Senator Blalock of the Thirty-fifth District, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Wednesday, November 11, 1896, 10 O'clock.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10 o'clock a. m., with the President presiding.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

On the call of the roll, the following members of the Senate responded to their names :

Allen,	Golightly,	Stewart, 27th,
Atkinson,	Gray,	Stewart, 34th,
Battle,	Ham,	Strother,
Brinson,	Hopkins,	Thomson,
Brooke,	Hudson,	Turner,
Carter,	Kemp,	Van Buren,
Comas,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 18th,
Cook,	Mann,	Walker, 40th,
Culver,	McFarland,	Westmoreland,
Dunwoody,	Redwine,	Wilcox,
Everett,	Sheffield,	Witcher,
Flewellen,	Shropshire,	Wooten,
Flynt,	Stevens,	Mr. President.
Geiger,		

Those absent were Messrs.—

Blalock,	Goldin,	Starr.
Castleberry,		

The Journal was read and confirmed.

On the call for reports by the President, Mr. Gray, of the Twenty-third District, chairman of the Committee on Public Property, Committee Rooms and Halls, submitted the following report :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY, COMMITTEE ROOMS AND HALLS.

The Senate Committees have been assigned to rooms as follows :

Room 8, Second Floor—Relief Supreme Court, General Judiciary, Special Judiciary

Room 1, Third Floor—Military, Pensions, Railroads.

Room 2, Third Floor—Education, Public Schools, Privileges and Elections, Public Roads, Hygiene and Sanitation.

Room 3, Third Floor—Temperance, Banks, Corporations, Manufactures.

Room 4, Third Floor—Penitentiary, Lunatic Asylum, Agriculture.

Room 5, Third Floor—Finance, Appropriations.

Room 14, Third Floor—Academy for Blind, Deaf and Dumb, Immigration and Labor, State of Republic, Internal Improvements, Mines and Mining.

Secretary's Office—Auditing, Enrollment, Engrossing.

Messenger Room—Public Library, Public Printing.

Senate Chamber—Public Property, Journals.

C. G. GRAY, Chairman.

On the call of the roll for the introduction of new matter, the following bills were introduced and read the first time for reference:

By Mr. Hudson of the Thirteenth District—

A bill to be entitled an act to establish a Board of Dental Examiners for the State of Georgia; to define its duties and powers; to protect the people from illegal

and unqualified practitioners of dentistry, and for other purposes.

Referred to Committee on General Judiciary.

By Mr. Mann of the Second District—

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the mode and authorize the collection of State, county and municipal taxes of individuals, and for other purposes.

Referred to Committee on General Judiciary.

By Mr. Turner of the Thirty-seventh District—

A bill to be entitled an act to amend paragraph 2d of section 2d, of article 7th of the constitution.

Referred to Committee on General Judiciary.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President :

The House has passed the following bill of the House by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit :

A bill to amend an act approved Sept. 26, 1883, entitled an act to incorporate the Georgia Loan and Trust Company.

The House has concurred in the Senate amendments to the following resolution of the House, to-wit :

A resolution upon the death of Hon. Chas. F. Crisp.

The following bill of the House was read and referred, and was ordered engrossed :

By Mr. Reid of Bibb—

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act approved Sept. 26, 1883, entitled an act to incorporate the Georgia Loan and Trust Company.

On motion of Senator Battle of the Twenty-fourth District, House bill No. 9, by Mr. Felder, was committed to the Special Judiciary Committee.

On motion of Senator Battle of the Twenty-fourth District, the Senate took a recess of thirty minutes.

At the expiration of thirty minutes the Senate reconvened.

On motion of Senator Dunwody, the Senate took a recess until 11:55 a.m.

Mr. Brinson, chairman of the Committee on Enrollment, submitted the following report :

Mr. President :

The Committee on Enrollment report as duly enrolled, signed by the Speaker and Clerk of the House, and ready for the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate, the following House resolutions, to wit :

A joint resolution directing the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House to prepare and distribute a manual to the members of the General Assembly.

Also, a joint resolution authorizing the Speaker of the House to appoint a Doorkeeper for the House.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. BRINSON, Chairman.

The hour having arrived for the reconvening of the joint session of the General Assembly, the Senate proceeded to the House of Representatives, and were received by the members of the House standing.

The Journal of the previous day was read, so far as it related to the election of a United States Senator.

The Secretary of the Senate then read the section of the Code of 1882 prescribing the mode and time of electing a United States Senator as follows, to wit:

Section 1335 (1363) (1282). United States Senators, when elected. [The Legislature of each State, which shall be chosen next preceding the expiration of the time for which any Senator was elected to represent said State in Congress, shall, on the second Tuesday after the meeting and organization thereof, proceed to elect a Senator in Congress in the place of such Senator so going out of office.] (a)

Section 1336. Election, how conducted. Said election for such Senator shall be conducted in the following manner: Each house shall openly, by a *viva voce* of each member present, name one person for Senator in Congress from said State, and the name of the person so voted for, who shall have a majority of the whole number of votes cast in each house, shall be entered on the Journal of each house by the Clerk or Secretary thereof; but if either house shall fail to give such majority to any person on said day, that fact shall be entered on the Journal. At 12 o'clock, meridian, of the day following that on which proceedings are required to take place, as aforesaid, the members of the two houses shall convene in joint assembly, and the Journal of each house shall then be read, and if the same person shall have received a majority of all the votes in each house, such person shall be duly declared elected Senator to repre-

sent said State in the Congress of the United States. But if the same person shall not have received a majority of the votes in each house, or if either house shall have failed to take proceedings as required in this section, the joint assembly shall then proceed to choose, by a *viva voce* vote of each member present, a person for the purpose aforesaid; and the person having a majority of all the votes of the said joint assembly, a majority of all the members elected to both houses being present and voting, shall be declared duly elected; and in case no person shall receive such majority on the first day, the joint assembly shall meet at twelve o'clock, meridian, of each succeeding day during the session of the Legislature, and take at least one vote until a Senator shall be elected.

On the call of the roll the following votes were cast :

Those voting for the Hon. Wm. Phillips of Cobb were, Brooke, Carter, Castleberry, Flynt, Kemp, Strother, Boyd, Baggett, Bennett of Jackson, Calhoun, Deakins, Edge, Edenfield, Leard, Lott, Walden, Hogan, Hawes.

The following gentlemen cast their votes for Seaborn Wright of Floyd : Branch, Boswell, Davidson, Meadows, Cook of Oconee, Salter.

The following gentlemen cast their votes for Logan E. Bleckley of Fulton : Felder, Knowles, Slaton.

The following gentlemen cast their votes for W. G. Charlton of Chatham : Duncan of Chatham, Meldrim.

The following gentlemen voted for John J. Jones : Burke, Brinson, Herrington, Oliver.

The following gentlemen cast their votes for W. C. Cleveland of Monroe: President Berner, Rutherford, Worsham.

The following gentlemen cast their votes for H. D. McDaniel of Walton: Stewart, J. A., Stone, Felker.

The following gentlemen cast their votes for B. B. Bower of Decatur: Westmoreland, Paulette, Bush.

For A. D. Candler of Hall; Johnson of Hall, Quillian.

For L. F. Livingston of Newton: Hardeman.

For Jos. B. Cummings of Richmond: Phinizy, Calvin.

For T. M. Norwood of Chatham: Geiger, Rawls.

For W. G. Brantley of Glynn: Dunwody, Bennett of Glynn.

For J. Y. Allen of Upson: Flewellen, Adams.

For M. P. Reese of Wilkes: Callaway.

For Hamilton McWhorter: Mr. Arnold.

For Wm. Clifton of McIntosh: Senator Mann and Atkinson.

For Allen Fort of Sumter: Senator Hudson, Black and Dodson.

Mr. Awtry voted for J. B. Foster.

Mr. Bates voted for C. M. King.

Mr. Bond voted for David W Meadow

Mr. Berry voted for J. E. Shumate.

Mr. Brown voted for J. D. Walker.

Mr. Burke voted for Ludsey.

Mr. Bussey voted for W D. Kiddoo.

Mr. Bowden voted for Chas. Bass.

Mr. Bartlett voted for Spinks.

Mr. Blalock voted for Hollinsworth.

Mr. Brannen voted for Stubbs.

Mr. Bedgood voted for J E. Howell.

Mr. Boifeuillet voted for W H. Felton, Jr.

Mr. Boynton, of Calhoun, voted for J. J. Reagan.

Mr. Boynton, of Spalding, voted for P R. Ogletree.

Mr. Craig voted for J. H. Blount, Sr.

Mr. Cole vote for S. W Harris.

Mr. Cook, of Decatur, voted for C. J. Munlin.

Mr. Collum voted for W D. Drewery.

Mr. Cannon voted for John Maddox.

Mr. Clement voted for W E. Simmons.

Mr. Chapman voted for J. E. McNeal.

Mr. Copeland voted for T. F. McFarland.

Mr. Duffy voted for Samuel Brown.

Mr. Durham voted for J. M. Neal.

Mr. Dickerson voted for F. B. Surmons.

Mr. Duncan, of Houston, voted for C. R. Mann.

Mr. Duncan, of Lee, voted for Joe F. Johnson.

Mr. Ellis voted for J. J. Thomason.

Mr. Ennis, of Floyd, voted for J. H. Reese.

Mr. Ford voted for J. W. Walters.

Mr. Fogarty voted for J. R. Lamar.

Mr. Freeman voted for Jno. W. Arnold.

Mr. Griffin voted for W. R. Rankins.

Senator Allen voted for J. F. Hanson of Bibb.

Senator Atkinson voted for A. O. Blalock of Fayette.

Senator Battle voted for Jno. D. Little of Muscogee.

Senator Brinson voted for John J. Jones of Burke.

Senator Comas voted for Jas. Johnson of Appling.

Senator Culver voted for Seaborn Reese.

Senator Everett voted for F. S. Singer.

Senator Golightly voted for A. D. Freeman.

Senator Gray voted for W C. Davis of Houston.

Senator Ham voted for W S. West of Lowndes.

Senator Kilpatrick voted for H. A. Jenkins.

Senator McFarland voted for T. C. Napier of Walker.

Senator Redwine voted for Wm. I. Pike of Jackson.

Senator Shropshire voted for Martin King of Bartow.

Senator Stevens voted for J. B. Parks.

Senator Stewart, of the Thirty-fourth District, voted for Chas. S. Northen.

Senator Thomson voted for Pope Barrow of Pulaski.

Senator Turner voted for P G. McCutchen.

Senator Van Buren voted for T. R. Ross of Jones.

Senator Walker, of the Eighteenth District, voted for Pat Walsh.

Senator Walker, of the Fortieth District, voted for M. L. Leonard.

Senator Wilcox voted for C. A. Word.

Senator Witcher voted for John P Shannon.

Mr. Hendrix voted for J. G. Parks.

Mr. Little voted for T W Grimes.

Mr. Longley voted for R. W. Smith.

Mr. Law voted for J. R. Allen.

Mr. Moore voted for J. J. Henderson.

Mr. Maddox voted for W. A. Longley.

Mr. Mansfield voted for R. H. Knox.

Mr. Morrison voted for H. C. Jones.

Mr. McLaughlin voted for W. T. Reville.

Mr. McMichael voted for P. L. Campbell.

Mr. McConnell voted for W. T. Kimsey.

Mr. McCook voted for C. R. Howell.

Mr. McCranie voted for Mr. Fulwood.

Mr. Hall voted for H. C. Fisher.

Mr. Hill voted for W. W. Turner.

Mr. Hitch voted for R. C. McIntosh.

Mr. Harrell voted for J. F. DeLacy.

Mr. Henderson, of Colquitt, voted for R. L. Ship.

Mr. Henderson, of DeKalb, voted for J. B. Gordon.

Mr. Henderson, of Irwin, voted for D. M. Hagan.

Mr. Henderson, of Washington, voted for J. D. Warther.

Mr. Jordan voted for T. D. Walker.

Mr. Johnson, of Appling, voted for P. H. Comas.

Mr. Kiser voted for L. L. Roan.

Mr. Kaigler voted for Mr. Sibley.

Mr. McLarty voted for Joe S. James.

Mr. McGehee voted for Joe Mansfield.

Mr. Nisbet voted for J. J. Hunt.

Mr. Niles voted for E. B. Lewis.

Mr. Nevins voted for J. W. Rease.

Mr. Ogletree voted for W. D. Dozier.

Mr. Patten voted for A. H. Hansel.

Mr. Parker voted for J. J. Bull.

Mr. Palmer voted for J. A. Bush.

Mr. Pearce voted for W. C. Davis.

Mr. Reid voted for B. L. Jones.

Mr. Reece voted for R. T. Fouche.

Mr. Roberts voted for J. D. Smith.

Mr. Rawlings voted for W. H. Barbee.

Mr. Redding voted for J. H. Baker.

Mr. Rudicil voted for Thos. J. Anderson.

Mr. Swift voted for C. M. Seymore.

Mr. Smith, of Crawford, voted for Mr. Harrison.

Mr. Taylor voted for J. H. Williams.

Mr. Turner voted for L. F. Garrard.

Mr. Thomason voted for Josh Hill.

Mr. Timmerman voted for J. R. Stapleton.

Mr. Thomas, of Clark, voted for W. B. Burnett.

Mr. Thomas, of Pierce, voted for R. G. Mitchell.

Mr. Vaughn voted for W. O. Daniel.

Mr. Vincent voted for Bill Arp.

Mr. West voted for B. F. Perry.

Mr. Wright voted for Jas. Young.

Mr. Watkins voted for M. N. Osborne.

Mr. Whipple voted for Jno. E. Howell.

Mr. Whitaker voted for Wm. A. Blair.

Mr. Wilcox, of Telfair, voted for J. D. McLeod.

Mr. Wilcox, of Wilcox, voted for Peter Coffee.

Mr. Yates voted for J. M. Combs.

Mr. Speaker voted for Jos. S. Turner.

There being 181 votes cast and no name voted for having received a constitutional majority, the President declared no election for United States Senator.

On motion of Mr Carter, of the Thirty-first District, the joint session of the General Assembly was dissolved.

The Senate was called to order by the President on their return to the chamber.

Under operation of law, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Thursday, November 12, 1896, 10 o'clock a.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, the President in the chair.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

On the call of the roll, the following Senators answered to their names:

Allen,	Goldin,	Stewart, 27th,
Battle,	Golightly,	Stewart, 34th,
Blalock,	Gray,	Strother,
Brinson,	Ham,	Thomson,
Brooke,	Hopkins,	Turner,
Carter,	Hudson,	Van Buren,
Castleberry,	Kemp,	Walker, 18th.
Comas,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 40th,
Cook,	Mann,	Westmoreland,
Dunwody,	McFarland,	Wilcox,
Everett,	Redwine,	Witcher,
Flewellen,	Sheffield,	Wooten.
Flynt,	Shropshire,	Mr. President.
Geiger,	Stevens,	

Those absent were Messrs.—

Atkinson,

Culver,

Starr.

The Journal was read and approved.

Mr. Shropshire, Chairman of Special Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Special Judiciary have had the following House bill under consideration, and recommend that it do pass, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish and maintain a local public school system, in the county of Fulton, outside of the city of Atlanta and of the town of East Point, to provide for the levy and collection of a special tax in support of same, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

WESLEY SHROPSHIRE, Chairman.

Mr. Atkinson, Chairman of the Committee on Temperance, submitted the following report:

Mr. President,

The Committee on Temperance have had under consideration Senate bill No. 3, being a bill entitled an act to amend section 428 of the third volume of the Code of 1895, by inserting, after the word "sell," in the second line of said section, the words "contract to sell, take orders for," so as to prohibit the making of contracts or taking orders for the sale of intoxicating liquors, in counties where the sale of the same is now prohibited by law, which they direct.

me to report back, with the recommendation that the same do not pass.

Respectfully submitted.

A. ATKINSON, Chairman.

The foregoing report was taken up.

On the question of agreeing thereto, the ayes and nays were required to be recorded.

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Geiger,	Stevens,
Atkinson,	Goldin,	Stewart, 27th,
Battle,	Redwine,	Strother,
Castleberry,	Sheffield,	Walker, 18th,
Comas,	Shropshire,	Wilcox.
Cook,		

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Blalock,	Gray,	Stewart, 34th,
Brinson,	Ham,	Thomson,
Carter,	Hopkins,	Turner,
Dunwody,	Hudson,	Van Buren,
Everett,	Kemp,	Walker, 40th,
Flewellen,	Kilpatrick,	Westmoreland,
Flynt,	Maun,	Witcher,
Golightly,	McFarland,	Wooten.

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Brooke,	Starr,	Mr. President.
Culver,		

Ayes 16. Nays 24. Not voting 4.

So the adverse report was disagreed to, and the bill was passed to a third reading.

Mr. Culver was granted unlimited leave of absence, on account of death in his family.

Mr. Berner, the President, introduced the following privileged resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That Hon. W. D. Stone, of the county of Monroe, be invited to a seat in the Senate, during his stay in the city.

At the hour of 12 meridian, the President announced that the time had arrived for the General Assembly to meet in joint session for the purpose of proceeding to ballot for a United States Senator.

The Senate, preceded by the President and Secretary, were received by the House standing.

The President took the chair, and called the General Assembly to order.

The Secretary of the Senate then read the section of the Code of 1882 prescribing the mode and time of electing a United States Senator as follows, to wit:

Section 1335 (1363) (1282). United States Senators, when elected. [The Legislature of each State, which shall be chosen next preceding the expiration of the time for which any Senator was elected to represent said State in Congress, shall, on the second Tuesday after the meeting and organization thereof, proceed to elect a Senator in Congress in the place of such Senator so going out of office.] (a)

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house by the Clerk or Secretary thereof; but if either house shall fail to give such majority to any person on said day, that fact shall be entered on the Journal. At 12 o'clock, meridian, of the day following that on which proceedings are required to take place, as aforesaid, the members of the two houses shall convene in joint assembly, and the Journal of each house shall then be read, and if the same person shall have received a majority of all the votes in each house, such person shall be duly declared elected Senator to represent said State in the Congress of the United States. But if the same person shall not have received a majority of the votes in each house, or if either house shall have failed to take proceedings as required in this section, the joint assembly shall then proceed to choose, by a *viva voce* vote of each member present, a person for the purpose aforesaid; and the person having a majority of all the votes of the said joint assembly, a majority of all the members elected to both houses being present and voting, shall be declared duly elected; and in case no person shall receive such majority on the first day, the joint assembly shall meet at twelve o'clock, meridian, of each succeeding day during the session of the Legislature, and take at least one vote until a Senator shall be elected.

The following gentlemen received 1 vote, each, to wit:

Mr. Day,

Hon. W. C. Beek of Spalding,

Hon. J. E. Chapman of Muscogee,

Mr. Johnson,

Hon. J. F. Johnson,

Hon. Spencer R. Atkinson of Glynn,

Mr. Turner,

Mr. Wallace,

Hon. W S. West,

Hon. R. G. Mitchell,

Mr. Preston,

Mr. Copeland,

Hon. A. D. Candler,

Hon. J. O. Perry,

Hon. J. J. Andrews,

Mr. Sterling,

Hon. John B. Gordon,

Hon. C. L. Bartlett,

Hon. T. J. Harralson, Sr.,

Hon. Warren Lott,

Hon. J. L. Day,

Hon. R. C. Irwin,

Hon. Chas. W Rembert,

Hon. W W Scott,

Mr. Carlton,

Hon. J T. West,

Hon. Edward W Schaefer,

Hon. T. J. Foster,
Hon. W E. Harris,
Hon. G. S. Rountree,
Hon. Samuel C. Atkinson of Glynn,
Hon. Joseph B. Cummings,
Hon. R. P Tilley,
Hon. John Fitzpatrick,
Hon. Richard Johnson,
Hon. Albert Strickland,
Hon. F R. Smith,
Hon. J. C. Foster,
Hon. R. H. Little,
Hon. Boykin Wright,
Hon. H. D. McDaniel,
Hon. Felder Lang,
Hon. Frank M. Ridley,
Hon. W W Ashburn,
Hon. Howell C. Blalock of Rabun,
Hon. J. B. Lane,
Hon. O. S. Porter,
Hon. J. T. Hall.

Hon. J. W. Warren,
Hon. Walker Newman,
Hon. J. H. Lovejoy,
Hon. J. G. Anderson,
Hon. Hudson A. Jenkins,
Hon. J. R. Delagall,
Hon. S. P. Lindley,
Hon. W. H. Luttrell,
Hon. Sarge Plunkett,
Hon. Wm. T. Reville,
Hon. W. H. Malone,
Hon. A. E. Buck,
Hon. Dr. Twiggs,
Hon. John Silvey,
Hon. John T. Wilkes,
Hon. Lavander R. Ray,
Hon. J. C. C. Black,
Hon. A. C. Newell,
Hon. J. J. Kimsey,
Hon. George W. Collier,
Hon. Augusten H. Hansell,

Hon. J. J. Perryman,

Hon. I. A. Bush,

Hon. A. C. Riley,

Hon. J. R. Lamar,

Hon. R. E. Lester,

Hon. W. J. Neal,

Hon. T. C. Ham,

Hon. W. Worthen,

Hon. E. F. Dupree,

Hon. W. H. Penn,

Hon. E. B. Heard,

Hon. J. W. Arnold, Sr.,

Hon. Ben Langford,

Hon. J. H. Williams,

Hon. J. N. Garrison,

Hon. A. S. Erwin,

Hon. A. P. Brantley,

Hon. W. M. Wilson,

Hon. H. M. Griffin,

Hon. D. J. Lyle,

Hon. O. K. Jones,

Hon. S. W. Newman,

Hon. S. J. Erwin,

Hon. T. J. Long,

Hon. J. L. Triplett,

Hon. A. B. Brown,

Hon. J. D. McCloud,

Hon. Pete Oliver,

Hon. J. D. Calhoun,

Hon. J. J. Elder,

Hon. Wm. Phillips received 23 votes.

Hon. Allen Fort, of Sumter, received 11 votes.

Hon. Robt. J. Lowry, of Fulton, received 4 votes.

Hon. J. J. Jones, of Burke, received 4 votes.

Hon. Thos. Norwood, of Chatham, received 3 votes.

Hon. Wm. Clifton, of McIntosh, received 3 votes.

Hon. William D. Kiddoo, of Randolph, received **3 votes.**

Hon. P. W. Meldrim, of Chatham, received 3 votes.

Hon. W. G. Charlton received 3 votes.

Hon. James M. Smith, of Oglethorpe, received **3 votes.**

Hon. William D. Stone, of Monroe, received **3 votes.**

Hon. A. L. Hawes, of Decatur, received 3 votes.

Hon. Louis F. Garrard, of Muscogee, received 3 votes.

Hon. Mr. Sandwich received 2 votes.

Hon. B. A. Sharpe received 2 votes.

Hon. Patrick Walsh, of Richmond, received 2 votes.

Hon. F. W. Gilbert received 2 votes.

Hon. John H. Martin received 2 votes,

Hon. Seaborn Reese, of Hancock, received 2 votes.

Hon. Marion Harris received 2 votes.

Hon. Wm. C. Glenn, of Fulton, received 2 votes.

Hon. J. H. Martin, of Muscogee, received 2 votes.

Hon. Fleming G. DuBignon received 2 votes.

Hon. W. A. Turner received 2 votes.

Hon. Samuel C. Dunlap, of Hall, received 2 votes.

Upon casting up the vote, it appeared that no one had received a majority, and the President so announced.

The General Assembly was, on motion, dissolved.

The Senate returned to its chamber, and was called to order by the President.

In obedience to a former order, the report of the Special Judiciary Committee was taken up on the bill of the House "to establish and maintain a local public school system in the county of Fulton, outside of the city of Atlanta and of the town of East Point; to provide for the levy and collec-

tion of a special tax in support of same, and for other purposes."

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time, and passed by the requisite constitutional majority; ayes 29, nays 0.

The Senate, on motion, adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Friday, November 13, 1896, 10 O'clock a.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, the President pro tem. in the chair.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

On the call of the roll, the following Senators answered to their names:

Allen,	Geiger,	Shropshire,
Atkinson,	Goldin,	Stevens,
Battle,	Golightly,	Stewart, 27th,
Blalock,	Gray,	Stewart, 34th,
Brinson,	Ham,	Strother,
Brooke,	Hopkins,	Thomson,
Carter,	Hudson,	Turner,
Castleberry,	Kemp,	Van Buren,
Comas,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 40th,
Cook,	Mann,	Westmoreland,
Dunwoody,	McFarland,	Wilcox,
Everett,	Redwine,	Witcher,
Flewellen,	Sheffield,	Mr. President.
Flynt,		

Those absent were Messrs.—

Culver,	Walker, 18th,	Wooten.
Starr,		

Mr. Van Buren, Chairman of the Committee on Journals, reported the Journal correct.

It was then read and approved.

The roll was called for the introduction of new matter, when Mr. Geiger introduced a bill "to provide for the election, by the people, of the county school commissioners of the various counties in this State; to prescribe their term of office, and for other purposes."

This bill was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Flynn Hargett, Jr., Messenger of the Senate, was granted leave of absence until Tuesday next, on account of the extreme illness of his father.

By general consent, the Senate took up the report of the committee of the whole, on the bill of the Senate to amend section 428 of the third volume of the Code of 1895, by inserting, after the word "sell," in the second line of said section, the words "contract to sell, take orders for," so as to prohibit the making of contracts, or taking orders for the sale of intoxicating liquors in counties where the sale of the same is now prohibited by law.

Mr. Battle proposed to amend, by adding after the word "otherwise," in the 25th line, the following:

"Or shall, by contract to buy, or order, any spirituous, malt or intoxicating liquors, in any county where the sale of such liquors is prohibited by law, high license, or otherwise."

On the question of adopting this amendment, the ayes and nays were required to be recorded.

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Battle,	Geiger,	Sheffield,
Comas,	Redwine,	Stewart, 27th.
Cook,		

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Goldin,	Stewart, 34th,
Atkinson,	Golightly,	Strother,
Blalock,	Gray,	Thomson,
Brinson,	Ham,	Turner,
Brooke,	Hopkins,	Van Buren,
Carter,	Kemp,	Walker, 40th,
Castleberry,	Kilpatrick,	Westmoreland,
Dunwody,	Mann,	Wilcox,
Everett,	McFarland,	Witcher,
Flewellen,	Shropshire,	Wooten.
Flynt,	Stevens,	

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Culver,	Starr,	Mr. President.
Hudson,	Walker, 18th,	

Ayes 7 Nays 32. Not voting 5.

So the amendment was lost.

The report of the committee was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time, and on the question of its passage, the ayes and nays were required to be recorded.

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Gray,	Strother,
Blalock,	Ham,	Thomson,
Brinson,	Hopkins,	Turner,
Carter,	Kemp,	Van Buren,
Dunwody,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 40th,
Everett,	Mann,	Westmoreland,
Flewellen,	McFarland,	Wilcox,
Flynt,	Stevens,	Witcher,
Goldin,	Stewart, 34th,	Wooten.
Golightly,		

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Comas,	Sheffield,
Battle,	Cook,	Shropshire,
Brooke,	Geiger,	Stewart, 27th.
Castleberry,	Redwine,	

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Culver,	Starr,	Mr. President.
Hudson,	Walker, 18th,	

Ayes 28. Nays 11. Not voting 5.

So the bill was passed by a constitutional majority.

The Senate, on motion, took a recess until 5 minutes of 12 o'clock, when it was called to order by the President.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed the following bills of the House by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit:

A bill to define the powers of the recorder of the city of Augusta, as to fines and penalties to be imposed.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the city of Augusta, authorizing the city council to impose license taxes on resident and non-residents doing business in said city.

Also, a bill providing for census of cities to be taken under supervision of the Secretary of State.

The House has also adopted the following joint resolution, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution in reference to the relinquishment of the claims of the State in and to the Blue Ridge and Atlantic Railroad, to the bondholders, as provided by an act approved December 16th, 1895.

The committee on the part of the House are: Messrs. Johnson of Hall, Hardeman, and Knowles.

Also, a resolution substituting the name "Georgia School for the Deaf," for Deaf and Dumb.

On motion of Mr. Blalock, the resolution of the House relating to the relinquishment of the State to her claims to the Blue Ridge and Atlantic Railway, was made the special order after the joint session is dissolved.

Mr. Battle, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration Senate bill No. 5, being a bill to be entitled an act to define and punish the crime of stealing hogs, cattle, sheep, and other domestic animals of less value than (\$20.00) twenty dollars, and provide penalties therefor, which they direct me to report back, with the recommendation that the same do not pass as amended.

Respectfully submitted.

C. E. BATTLE, Chairman.

At the hour of 12 o'clock meridian, the President announced that the time had arrived for the joint session.

The Senate, preceded by the President and the Secretary, proceeded to the House of Representatives in a body.

Being received by the House standing, the President took the chair, and called the General Assembly to order.

The section of the Code of 1882 prescribing the mode and time of electing a United States Senator was read as follows, to wit:

Section 1335 (1363) (1282). United States Senators, when elected. [The Legislature of each State, which shall be chosen next preceding the expiration of the time for which any Senator was elected to represent said State in Congress, shall, on the second Tuesday after the meeting and organization thereof, proceed to elect a Senator in Congress in the place of such Senator so going out of office.] (a)

Section 1336. Election, how conducted. Said election for such Senator shall be conducted in the following manner: Each house shall openly, by a *viva voce* of each member present, name one person for Senator in Congress from said State, and the name of the person so voted for, who shall have a majority of the whole number of votes cast in each house, shall be entered on the Journal of each house by the Clerk or Secretary thereof; but if either house shall fail to give such majority to any person on said day, that fact shall be entered on the Journal. At 12 o'clock, meridian, of the day following that on which proceedings are required to take place, as aforesaid, the members of the two houses shall convene in joint assembly, and the Journal of each house shall then be read, and if the same person shall have received a majority of all the votes in each house, such person shall be duly declared elected Senator to represent said State in the Congress of the United States. But if the same person shall not have received a majority of the votes in each house, or if either house shall have failed to take proceedings as required in this section, the joint assembly shall then proceed to choose, by a *viva voce* vote

of each member present, a person for the purpose aforesaid; and the person having a majority of all the votes of the said joint assembly, a majority of all the members elected to both houses being present and voting, shall be declared duly elected; and in case no person shall receive such majority on the first day, the joint assembly shall meet at twelve o'clock, meridian, of each succeeding day during the session of the Legislature, and take at least one vote until a Senator shall be elected.

The President then announced that the balloting for a United States Senator, to succeed the Hon. John B. Gordon, was in order.

The following vote was cast:

Hon. Wm. Phillips, of Cobb, received 20 votes.

Hon. Allen Fort, of Sumter, received 16 votes.

Hon. J. J. Jones received 4 votes.

Hon. Wm. Clifton, of McIntosh, received 4 votes.

Hon. Thos. M. Norwood, of Chatham, received 4 votes.

Hon. R. L. Berner, of Monroe, received 4 votes.

Hon. Bloodworth received 3 votes.

Hon. Hoke Smith, of Fulton, received 3 votes.

Hon. L. F. Garrard, of Muscogee, received 3 votes.

Hon. I. S. Hopkins received 3 votes.

Hon. R. D. Smith received 2 votes.

Hon. Ridley received 2 votes.

Hon. R. U Thomason received 2 votes.

Hon. Alf. Herrington, of Emanuel, received 2 votes.

Hon. I. A. Bush received 2 votes.

Hon. Jno. T. Boifeuillet, of Bibb, received 2 votes.

Hon. J. H. Estelle, of Chatham, received 2 votes.

Hon. Felix Corput received 2 votes.

Hon. R. D. Cole, Sr., received 2 votes.

Hon. B. B. Bower, of Decatur, received 2 votes.

Hon. S. W Harris received 2 votes.

Hon. J. M. Mobley received 2 votes.

Hon. T. B. Felder, of Fulton, received 2 votes.

Hon. A. H. Hansell received 2 votes.

Hon. H. G. Turner, of Brooks, received 2 votes.

The following named gentlemen received one vote each:

Mr. Craig,

Mr. Beck,

Mr. Grimes,

Mr. DeFore,

Mr. Long,

Mr. Brantley,

Mr. Cole,

Mr. Mitchell,

Mr. Jacoway,

Mr. Stark,

Hon. R. D. Jones,

Mr. Rainey,

Mr. O'Farrell,

Hon. Jno. B. Gordon,

Hon. C. L. Bartlett,

Mr. Christopher,

Hon. H. McWhorter,

Hon. Tom Eason,

Hon. J. J. Gilam,

Hon. Jno. L. Edmunson,

Hon. A. L. Hawes,

Hon. J. P. Glaston,

Hon. J. W. Lindsay,

Hon. W. D. Kiddoo,

Hon. J. P. Jones,

Hon. I. L. Kemp,

Hon. W. S. Milner,

Hon. J. L. Hardeman,

Hon. Henry Turner,

Hon. W C. Beeks,

Hon. S. R. Atkinson,

Hon. J. A. B. Mehaffey,

Hon. T. L. Sewall,

Hon. Enoch Phillips,

Hon. J. P Elder,

Hon. J B. Cumming,

Hon. E. H. Hallman,

Hon. J. M. Jackson,

Hon. P L. Irwin,

Hon. J. C. Hart,

Hon. R. W Murphey,

Hon. S. W Richardson.

Hon. W A. Thomas,

Hon. Chas. Estes,

Hon. W M. Howard,

Hon. W M. Toomer,

Hon. G. W Edmunson,

Hon. Z. B. Milner,

Hon. W C. Scruggs,

Hon. A. D. Singleterry,

Hon. J. M. Pace,

Hon. F. J. Walker,

Hon. Mark Newman,

Hon. E. L. Raney,

Mr. McCaldwell,

Hon. J. R. Delagall,

Hon. J. B. Malone,

Hon. S. P. Kemp,

Hon. Gilbert Voss,

Hon. W. J. Brown,

Hon. F. M. Dougherty,

Hon. W. S. Falkner,

Hon. J. B. Watson,

Hon. W. S. Stewart,

Hon. S. T. Lofley,

Hon. J. D. Coody,

Hon. O. D. Gorman,

Hon. W. O. Willingham,

Hon. R. E. Lester,

Hon. J. D. Smith,

Hon. J. C. Beacham,

Hon. J. C. Clements,

Hon. W P Adams,

Hon. Seaborn Reese,

Hon. Chas. R. Crisp,

Hon. J. K. Ohl,

Hon. W G. Mason,

Hon. C. C. Thomas,

Hon. J. S. Williams,

Hon. J. W Harris,

Hon. H. F. Dunwody,

Hon. R. W Everett,

Hon. W J. Davis,

Hon. J. H. Dodson,

Hon. G. C. Carmichael,

Hon. J. M. Meadows.

Total number of votes 163.

No one having received a majority of all the votes cast, the President declared that there had been no election.

The General Assembly was, on motion, dissolved.

The Senate returned to its chamber, and was called to order by the President.

The Senate took up, in accordance with previous order, the joint resolution of the House relating to the relinquishment of the State's claim to the Blue Ridge and Atlantic Railroad.

The resolution was concurred in, and the President appointed as the committee on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Gray and Shropshire.

Mr. Kemp was granted leave of absence until Tuesday morning next, on account of sickness.

Mr. Golden was granted leave of absence until Monday morning, on account of sickness.

Mr. Allen was granted leave of absence until 10 o'clock Monday.

Mr. Atkinson was granted leave of absence, indefinitely, on account of sickness in his family.

Mr. Thompson was granted leave of absence until Monday morning.

Mr. Geiger was granted leave of absence for three days on important business.

The Senate, on motion, adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Saturday, November 14, 1896, 10 O'clock a.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President pro tem.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

On the call of the roll, the following Senators answered to their names:

Those present were Messrs.—

Battle,	Gray,	Stewart, 27th,
Blalock,	Ham,	Stewart, 34th,
Brooke,	Hopkins,	Strother,
Carter,	Hudson,	Turner,
Castleberry,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 18th,
Comas,	Mann,	Walker, 40th,
Cook,	Redwine,	Westmoreland,
Dunwody,	Sheffield,	Witcher,
Flewellen,	Shropshire,	Wooten,
Flynt,	Stevens,	Mr. President.
Golightly,		

Those absent were Messrs.—

Allen,	Geiger,	Starr,
Atkinson,	Goldin,	Thomson,
Brinson,	Kemp,	Van Buren,
Culver,	McFarland,	Wilcox.
Everett,		

The Journal was read and approved.

Mr. Van Buren, Chairman of the Committee on Journals, was excused from attendance on account of sickness.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed the following bill of the House by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit:

A bill amending an act approved October 10th, 1891, to provide for the renewal of pavements in cities of 20,000 population.

The House has passed the following joint resolution, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution to provide for the payment of teachers in this State.

Also, a resolution appointing a committee to visit the State University.

The committee on the part of the House are: Messrs. Thomas of Clarke, Chairman; Rawlings, Atkinson, Brannen, Copeland, Collum, Little, McDonald, Griffin, Mel-drim, Brown, Sell, Bennett, Whipple, Thomason, Nevin.

The House has concurred in the following joint resolution of the Senate, to wit:

A resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Senate to purchase one hundred chairs for the use of committee rooms.

The following bills of the House were read the first time, and referred as severally indicated, to wit:

A bill "amending an act approved October 10, 1891, with respect to renewal of pavements in cities of 20,000 population."

Referred to Committee on Corporations.

A bill "to define the powers of the recorder of the city of Augusta, as to fines and penalties to be imposed by him for violation of rules, regulations," etc.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

A bill "to amend the charter of the city of Augusta by authorizing the city council to impose license taxes upon all occupations by residents or non-residents, and for other purposes."

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

A bill "providing for census of cities to be taken under supervision of the Secretary of State."

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

The Senate, on motion, took up and concurred in a joint resolution from the House, appointing a joint committee to visit the State University.

A joint resolution from the House "to provide for the payment of teachers in this State," was read the first time, and referred to the Finance Committee.

A joint resolution from the House "substituting the name 'Georgia School for the Deaf,' for 'Deaf and Dumb,' " was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on the Deaf and Dumb Asylum.

The following bill of the House was read the second time, and passed to a third reading, to wit:

A bill "to amend an act approved September 26, 1883, entitled an act to incorporate the Georgia Loan and Trust Company."

On motion of Mr. Battle, the bill of the Senate "to define and punish the crime of stealing hogs, cattle, etc., of less value than \$20.00, and provide penalties therefor," was recommitted to the General Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Carter, by general consent, introduced the following bill, which was read the first time, and referred to the General Judiciary Committee, to wit:

A bill "to prohibit railroads, express, telegraph and telephone companies, or their agents, from tendering or giving any person elected or appointed to any public office in this

State, any free ticket, pass, transportation, franking privilege, rebate or discrimination in any railroad, telegraph, telephone or express rate; to prohibit the acceptance of the same by such officer or officers; to make certain witnesses competent and compellable to testify in certain cases; to provide for the enforcement and prescribe penalties for the violation of this act, and to provide for the removal from office of prosecuting officers who fail to faithfully prosecute persons charged with the violations of this act."

Leave of absence was granted Mr. Wilcox, indefinitely, on account of sickness in his family.

Mr. Witcher was granted leave of absence for this day's session.

Leave of absence was granted the President, Mr. Berner, until Monday next, for providential causes.

Mr. Dunwody offered the following resolution, which was read and agreed to:

Resolved, That C. S. Northen, Assistant Secretary of the Senate, be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to sign all bills and resolutions as Secretary pro tem., in the absence of the Secretary, and perform all other official acts for him and in his stead.

Maj. R. E. Wilson, Doorkeeper of the Senate, was excused from duty for Monday next.

Mr. Cook, Chairman of the Penitentiary Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Penitentiary Committee have had under consideration Senate resolution No. 4, being a resolution to appoint

a joint committee on the part of the Senate and House of Representatives, to investigate and report upon a suitable plan for the disposition of the convicts of this State after the expiration of the term of the present lease, which they direct me to report back, with the recommendation that the same do pass as amended.

Respectfully submitted.

PHIL COOK, Chairman.

The resolution referred to in this report was taken up, and the several amendments were agreed to.

The resolution then went over as unfinished business.

The Senate, on motion, took a recess until 12 o'clock meridian, and was called to order at that time.

The President pro tem. announced that the hour had arrived for the two Houses to meet in joint session, for the purpose of balloting for a United States Senator, whereupon, the Senate, in a body, preceded by the President pro tem. and the Secretary, proceeded to the Hall of Representatives, where, being received by the House of Representatives standing, the President pro tem. took the chair and called the General Assembly to order.

The Secretary of the Senate then read the section of the Code of 1882 prescribing the mode and time of electing a United States Senator as follows, to wit:

Section 1335 (1363) (1282). United States Senators, when elected. [The Legislature of each State, which shall be chosen next preceding the expiration of the time for which any Senator was elected to represent said State in Congress, shall, on the second Tuesday after the meeting and organization thereof, proceed to elect a Senator in Congress in the place of such Senator so going out of office.] (a)

Section 1336. Election, how conducted. Said election for such Senator shall be conducted in the following manner: Each house shall openly, by a *viva voce* of each member present, name one person for Senator in Congress from said State, and the name of the person so voted for, who shall have a majority of the whole number of votes cast in each house, shall be entered on the Journal of each house by the Clerk or Secretary thereof; but if either house shall fail to give such majority to any person on said day, that fact shall be entered on the Journal. At 12 o'clock, meridian, of the day following that on which proceedings are required to take place, as aforesaid, the members of the two houses shall convene in joint assembly, and the Journal of each house shall then be read, and if the same person shall have received a majority of all the votes in each house, such person shall be duly declared elected Senator to represent said State in the Congress of the United States. But if the same person shall not have received a majority of the votes in each house, or if either house shall have failed to take proceedings as required in this section, the joint assembly shall then proceed to choose, by a *viva voce* vote of each member present, a person for the purpose aforesaid; and the person having a majority of all the votes of the said joint assembly, a majority of all the members elected to both houses being present and voting, shall be declared duly elected; and in case no person shall receive such majority on the first day, the joint assembly shall meet at twelve o'clock, meridian, of each succeeding day during the session of the Legislature, and take at least one vote until a Senator shall be elected.

The following vote was cast:

Hon. Wm. Phillips, of Cobb, received 11 votes.

Hon. Robert L. Berner received 3 votes.

Hon. Allen Fort, of Sumter, received 4 votes.

Hon. Hoke Smith, of Fulton, received 2 votes.

Hon. Fleming G. DuBignon received 3 votes.

Hon. William J Mallard, Jr., of Fulton, received 5 votes.

The following gentlemen received 1 vote each, to wit:

Hon. I. E. Branch,

Hon. E. D. Graham,

Hon. C. E. Battle,

Hon. M. J Abbott,

Hon. D. G. Rose,

Hon. S. M. Carter,

Hon. J. W Bennett,

Hon. J. A. Donaldson,

Hon. T. L. Tysinger,

Hon. Paul B. Trammell,

Hon. Warner Hill,

Hon. J. H. Martin,

Hon. A. J Williams,

Hon. Mr. Wright,

Hon. W T. Green,

Hon. Mr. West,

Hon. Robt. G. Mitchell,

Hon. J. S. Boynton,

Hon. H. R. McGhee,

Hon. D. J. Hughes,

Hon. A. D. Candler,

Hon. I. E. Patterson,

Hon. J. S. Mimms,

Hon. J. H. Smith,

Hon. W T. Lewis,

Hon. J. B. Cummings,

Hon. J. M. Pace,

Hon. Hugh Y McCord,

Hon. Harry F Dunwody,

Hon. Nathaniel Hutchins,

Hon. J F Miller,

Hon. Marion G. Bayo of Lumpkin,

Hon. J. E. Donalson,

Hon. Thos. W Grimes of Muscogee,

Hon. M. J. Abbott,

Hon. John Barnes,

Hon. F H. Colley,

Hon. Miles Browning,

Hon. A. W Fite,

Hon. T. R. Whitley,

Hon. West,

Hon. J. H. Estille,

Hon. R. M. Hitch,

Hon. Alfred Blalock,

Hon. A. S. Miller,

Hon. M. L. Smith,

Hon. John Smith,

Hon. Harper Hamilton,

Hon. J. W Maddox,

Hon. John E. Goodwin,

Hon. Goodwin,

Hon. A. P Brantley,

Hon. J. W Brooks,

Hon. John W Akin,

Hon. Hill,

Hon. W E. Wooten,

Hon. J. J. Smith,

Hon. C. G. Janes,

Hon. Wm. A. Dodson,

Hon. Mr. Haralson,

Hon. S. M. Rich,

Hon. Mr. Johnson,

Hon. Wright,

Hon. Mr. Gardner,

Hon. W A. Candler,

Hon. Mr. Henry,

Hon. E. L. Brinson,

Hon. John F. Fuller,

Hon. J. L. Hall,

Hon. Gordon,

Hon. G. J. Holton,

Hon. W E. Candler,

Hon. J H. DeVeaux,

Hon. Thos. W Glover,

Hon. J H. Estille,

Hon. W T. Reville,

Hon. Moses Martin, 2 votes.

Upon casting up the vote, it appeared that no one had received a majority of the entire vote cast.

The President pro tem. announced that there was no election.

The General Assembly was, on motion, dissolved.

The Senate returned to its chamber, and was called to order, and adjourned, on motion, until 10 minutes of 12 o'clock, meridian, Monday next.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Monday, November 16, 1896, 11:50 O'clock a.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, the President in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Hon. Senator Atkinson.

On the call of the roll, the following Senators answered to their names:

Allen,	Golightly,	Stewart, 27th,
Atkinson,	Gray,	Stewart, 34th,
Battle,	Ham,	Strother,
Blalock,	Hopkins,	Thomson,
Brinson,	Hudson,	Turner,
Brooke,	Kemp,	Van Buren,
Carter,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 18th,
Castleberry,	Mann,	Walker, 40th,
Comas,	McFarland,	Westmoreland,
Cook,	Redwine,	Wilcox,
Culver,	Sheffield,	Witcher,
Dunwody,	Shropshire,	Wooten,
Flewellen,	Starr,	Mr. President.
Flynt,	Stevens,	

Those absent were Messrs.—

Everett,	Geiger,	Goldin.
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Mr. Van Buren, Chairman of the Committee on Journals, reported the Journal correct.

It was then read, and confirmed by the Senate.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has adopted the following joint resolutions in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution to appoint a committee to attend the commencement of the Georgia Normal and Industrial College in 1897.

Also, a resolution to appoint a committee to attend the commencement exercises of the Georgia School of Technology.

Mr. Westmoreland, Chairman of the Engrossing Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Engrossing have examined the following Senate bill, and direct me to report the same properly engrossed, and ready to be transmitted to the House:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 428 of third volume of Code of 1895.

Respectfully submitted.

G. F. WESTMORELAND, Chairman.

Mr. Comas, Chairman pro tem. of the Committee on Enrollment, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Enrollment report as duly enrolled, signed by the Speaker and Clerk of the House, and ready for

the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate, the following House bill, to wit:

An act to establish and maintain a local public school system in the county of Fulton, outside of the city of Atlanta and of the town of East Point; to provide for the levy and collection of a special tax in support of same, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

P H. COMAS, Chairman pro tem.

At the hour of 12 o'clock, meridian, the President announced that the time had arrived for the two Houses to meet in joint session, for the purpose of balloting for a United States Senator.

The Senate, in a body, preceded by the President and Secretary, proceeded to the House of Representatives, where, being received by the House, standing, the President took the chair, and called the General Assembly to order.

The Secretary of the Senate then read the section of the Code of 1882 prescribing the mode and time of electing a United States Senator as follows, to wit:

Section 1335 (1363) (1282). United States Senators, when elected. [The Legislature of each State, which shall be chosen next preceding the expiration of the time for which any Senator was elected to represent said State in Congress, shall, on the second Tuesday after the meeting and organization thereof, proceed to elect a Senator in Congress in the place of such Senator so going out of office.] (a)

Section 1336. Election, how conducted. Said election for such Senator shall be conducted in the following man-

ner: Each house shall openly, by a *viva voce* of each member present, name one person for Senator in Congress from said State, and the name of the person so voted for, who shall have a majority of the whole number of votes cast in each house, shall be entered on the Journal of each house by the Clerk or Secretary thereof; but if either house shall fail to give such majority to any person on said day, that fact shall be entered on the Journal. At 12 o'clock, meridian, of the day following that on which proceedings are required to take place, as aforesaid, the members of the two houses shall convene in joint assembly, and the Journal of each house shall then be read, and if the same person shall have received a majority of all the votes in each house, such person shall be duly declared elected Senator to represent said State in the Congress of the United States. But if the same person shall not have received a majority of the votes in each house, or if either house shall have failed to take proceedings as required in this section, the joint assembly shall then proceed to choose, by a *viva voce* vote of each member present, a person for the purpose aforesaid; and the person having a majority of all the votes of the said joint assembly, a majority of all the members elected to both houses being present and voting, shall be declared duly elected; and in case no person shall receive such majority on the first day, the joint assembly shall meet at twelve o'clock, meridian, of each succeeding day during the session of the Legislature, and take at least one vote until a Senator shall be elected.

The President ordered the ballot to proceed.

On casting up the vote, it was as follows:

Hon. Willis E. Ragan, of Fulton, received 36 votes.

Hon. Allen Fort, of Sumter, received 15 votes.

Hon. J. C. C. Black, of Richmond, received 5 votes.

Hon. R. G. Mitchell, of Thomas, received 6 votes.

Hon. E. P. Padgett, of Appling, received 2 votes.

Hon. Rufus E. Lester, of Chatham, received 2 votes.

The following named gentlemen received one vote each:

Hon. R. T. Cunningham,

Hon. Willis Gillam,

Hon. L. Moore,

Hon. W. T. Walker,

Hon. C. Z. Gordon,

Hon. Jno. C. Dell,

Hon. C. L. Bartlett,

Hon. C. E. Battle,

Hon. R. G. Dickerson,

Hon. Seaborn Reese,

Hon. D. W. Meadow,

Hon. Henry Persons,

Hon. Mr. Tysinger,

Hon. Warner Hill,

Hon. Mr. Shackleford,

Hon. T. G. Crawford,

Hon. Mr. Haraldson,

Hon. H. J. McGehee,

Hon. Mr. Gregory,

Hon. A. T. Hatchett,

Hon. Jno. W. Maddox,

Hon. F. G. Davis,

Hon. Mr. Kennebrew, 2 votes,

Hon. J. F. Jones,

Hon. O. N. Starr,

Hon. Carter Tate,

Hon. Gus Fite,

Hon. Mr. Crew,

Hon. Jas. Bishop,

Hon. Mr. Bayetton,

Hon. Marcus Beck,

Hon. Mr. Brewer,

Hon. Mr. Jones,

Hon. Mr. Wilson,

Hon. Mr. Worley,

Hon. Mr. Perry,

Hon. H. McWhorter,

Hon. Mr. Walker,

Hon. Judge Newsome,

Hon. H. F. Dunwody,

Hon. Sam P. Jones,

Hon. Mr. Tinley,

Hon. Mr. Haralson, Sr.,

Hon. Mr. Bird,

Hon. J. H. DeVaux,

Hon. Mr. Munnerlyn,

Hon. Mr. Hines,

Hon. Mr. Mell,

Hon. Mr. Tucker,

Hon. Mr. Day,

Hon. Mr. Hutchins,

Hon. Mr. Hutchinson,

Hon. Mr. Johnson,

Hon. Mr. Reville,

Hon. Mr. Foley,

Hon. Mr. Kelly,

Hon. Mr. Culverson,

Hon. Mr. Quillian,
Hon. Mr. Middlebrooks,
Hon. Mr. Gibson,
Hon. Mr. Harris,
Hon. Mr. Bussey,
Hon. Mr. Bradshaw,
Hon. Mr. Duncan,
Hon. Mr. Brown,
Hon. J. S. Boynton,
Hon. Mr. Lang,
Hon. Mr. Greene,
Hon. Mr. Pearson,
Hon. Mr. Hanson,
Hon. Mr. Cunningham,
Hon. L. F. Garrard,
Hon. Mr. Mozley,
Hon. Mr. Marshall,
Hon. A. D. Candler,
Hon. N. J. Hammond,
Hon. Mr. Feathersen,
Hon. Mr. White,

Hon. Mr. Faber,

Hon. Mr. Hill,

Hon. Mr. Henderson,

Hon. Mr. Thomas,

Hon. Mr. DuPree,

Hon. Mr. Young,

Hon. Wm. Phillips,

Hon. Mr. Atkinson,

Hon. Mr. Sutton,

Hon. Mr. Mann,

Total number of votes 157

It appearing that no one had received a majority of all the votes cast, the President announced that there had been no election.

The General Assembly was, on motion, dissolved.

The Senate returned to the Senate Chamber, and was called to order by the President.

The unfinished business of to-day, viz., a resolution on the subject of the lease of convicts, was made the special order for to-morrow, immediately after the reading of the Journal.

On the call of the roll for the introduction of new matter, the following bills were introduced, read the first time, and referred as indicated, to wit:

By Mr. Brinson—

A bill “to permit defendants, *bona fide* in possession of land under claim of title, to set off the value of permanent improvements, and to recover the value of same in excess of mesne profits, and for other purposes.”

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Comas—

A bill “to prohibit the practice of law, dentistry, medicine, etc., in this State, without having the special tax as required by law.”

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Mann—

A bill “to provide for the payment of State witnesses, in criminal prosecutions in the Superior Courts of this State, who are residents of the county in which said Superior Courts are held.”

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

The Senate adjourned, on motion, until 10 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Tuesday, November 17, 1896, 10 O'clock a.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

On the call of the roll, the following Senators answered to their names:

Allen,	Geiger,	Stevens,
Atkinson,	Goldin,	Stewart, 27th,
Battle,	Golightly,	Stewart, 34th,
Blalock,	Gray,	Strother,
Brinson,	Ham,	Thomson,
Brooke,	Hopkins,	Turner,
Carter,	Hudson,	Van Buren,
Castleberry,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 18th,
Comas,	Mann,	Walker, 40th,
Cook,	McFarland,	Westmoreland,
Culver,	Redwine,	Wilcox,
Dunwody,	Sheffield,	Witcher,
Everett,	Shropshire,	Wooten,
Flewellen,	Starr,	Mr. President.
Flynt,		

Mr. Kemp absent.

Mr. Van Buren, Chairman of the Committee on Journals, reported the Journal correct. It was then read and confirmed by the Senate.

The special order of this morning was taken up, to wit:

A resolution of the Senate "to appoint a joint committee on lease of convicts, etc."

The following amendments recommended by the Committee on the Penitentiary were adopted on Saturday:

Amend 1 by adding at the end of the caption of the resolution the following: "And providing for the attendance of the Principal Keeper of the Penitentiary upon said committee; for the payment of the per diem and expenses of the committee and the expenses of the Principal Keeper of the Penitentiary, and for other purposes."

Amend 2 by adding at the end of the resolution a new section to be known as section 3, the following:

“That it shall be the duty of the Principal Keeper of the Penitentiary to accompany this committee in its visits to other prisons and reformatories, and to furnish to said committee such information and advice as may be required and necessary ”

Amend 3 by adding at the end of said resolution a new section to be known as section 4, the following: “That the members of the committee be allowed their per diem for such days as they may be in actual service and that their traveling and other necessary expenses be paid, and that the necessary expenses of the Principal Keeper of the Penitentiary be likewise paid, such per diem and expenses to be paid out of any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated upon the warrant of the Governor.”

Mr. Gray moved to amend by striking out the word “three” in the second line of section 1 and inserting the word “two,” and by striking out the word “five” and inserting the word “three” from line 2, section 1, so that the second line of section 1 will read “two from the Senate and three from the House.”

This amendment was adopted.

Mr. Hopkins moved to amend by striking out of the fifth line of the second section the words “to visit such prisons and reformatories in the United States.”

This amendment was adopted.

Mr. Battle moved to reconsider this amendment, but the motion was lost.

Mr. Strother moved to amend section 3, as amended, by adding, "Said committee shall not receive compensation for a longer period than one month in discharging duties imposed by this resolution."

This amendment was lost.

Mr. Sheffield proposed to amend by adding to section 2, "A competent civil engineer to be appointed by the Governor."

This amendment was lost.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution, as amended, Mr. Battle required the ayes and nays to be recorded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Battle,	Dunwody,	Stewart, 34th,
Blalock,	Flewellen,	Turner,
Brinson,	Flynt,	Westmoreland,
Brooke,	Gray,	Witcher,
Castleberry,	Ham,	Wooten.

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Hopkins,	Stevens.
Atkinson,	Hudson,	Stewart, 27th,
Carter,	Kilpatrick,	Strother,
Comas,	Mann,	Thomson,
Cook,	McFarland,	Van Buren,
Culver,	Redwine,	Walker, 18th,
Geiger,	Sheffield,	Walker, 40th,
Goldin,	Shropshire,	Wilcox
Golightly,	Starr,	

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Everett,	Kemp,	Mr. President.
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Ayes 15. Nays 26. Not voting 3.

So the resolution, as amended, was lost.

Mr. Battle gave notice that he should move a reconsideration to-morrow.

The leave of absence heretofore granted to Mr. Flynn Hargett, Jr., was indefinitely extended on account of sickness in his family.

The President appointed under joint resolution of the House to appoint a committee to visit the State University, Messrs. Starr, Battle, Walker of the Fortieth District, Mr. Mann, and Mr. Flynt.

By resolution of Mr. Hudson, the privileges of the floor of the Senate were extended to Mr. Albert Summer, Colonel George W. Jordon, Judge L. C. Ryan, and Captain J. W. Hightower.

By resolution, Colonel K. J. Hawkins was invited to a seat in the Senate.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed the following bills of the House by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit:

A bill to amend section 1288 of the Code of 1882 to provide for the payment to managers and clerks of elections.

Also, a bill to provide for the payment of a salary to county school commissioners in lieu of a per diem in certain instances.

Also, a bill to regulate the business of building and loan associations in this State.

At the hour of 12 o'clock, meridian, the President announced that the time had arrived for the General Assembly to meet in joint session to elect a United States Senator.

Whereupon, the Senate, in a body, preceded by the President and Secretary, repaired to the Representative Hall, where, being received by the House of Representatives, standing, the President took the chair and called the General Assembly to order.

The Secretary of the Senate then read the section of the Code of 1882 prescribing the mode and time of electing a United States Senator as follows, to wit:

Section 1335 (1363) (1282). United States Senators, when elected. [The Legislature of each State, which shall be chosen next preceding the expiration of the time for which any Senator was elected to represent said State in Congress, shall, on the second Tuesday after the meeting and organization thereof, proceed to elect a Senator in Congress in the place of such Senator so going out of office.] (a)

Section 1336. Election, how conducted. Said election for such Senator shall be conducted in the following manner: Each house shall openly, by a *viva voce* of each member present, name one person for Senator in Congress from said State, and the name of the person so voted for, who shall have a majority of the whole number of votes cast in each house, shall be entered on the Journal of each house by the Clerk or Secretary thereof; but if either house shall fail to give such majority to any person on said day, that fact shall be entered on the Journal. At 12 o'clock, meridian, of the day following that on which proceedings are required to take place, as aforesaid, the members of the

two houses shall convene in joint assembly, and the Journal of each house shall then be read, and if the same person shall have received a majority of all the votes in each house, such person shall be duly declared elected Senator to represent said State in the Congress of the United States. But if the same person shall not have received a majority of the votes in each house, or if either house shall have failed to take proceedings as required in this section, the joint assembly shall then proceed to choose, by a *viva voce* vote of each member present, a person for the purpose aforesaid; and the person having a majority of all the votes of the said joint assembly, a majority of all the members elected to both houses being present and voting, shall be declared duly elected; and in case no person shall receive such majority on the first day, the joint assembly shall meet at twelve o'clock, meridian, of each succeeding day during the session of the Legislature, and take at least one vote until a Senator shall be elected.

Nominations were declared in order.

The names of the Hons. A. S. Clay, William H. Phillips, and J. F. Hanson were placed in nomination.

The ballot was ordered and resulted as follows:

General William H. Phillips received 34 votes.

Hon. J. F. Hanson received 3 votes.

Hon. A. S. Clay received 161 votes.

Those voting for Hon. A. S. Clay of Cobb, were:
Messrs.—

Atkinson,

Battle,

Blalock,
Brinson,
Comas,
Cook,
Culver,
Dunwody,
Flewellen,
Geiger,
Golightly,
Gray,
Ham,
Hopkins,
Hudson,
Kilpatrick,
Mann,
McFarland,
Redwine,
Sheffield,
Shropshire,
Starr,
Stevens,

Stewart of the Twenty-seventh District,

Stewart of the Thirty-fourth District,

Thomson,

Turner,

Van Buren,

Walker of the Eighteenth District,

Walker of the Fortieth District,

Westmoreland,

Wilcox,

Witcher,

Wooten,

Mr. President,

Adams,

Arnold,

Awtry,

Armstrong,

Atkinson,

Bates,

Bush,

Bond,

Berry,

Burke,

Bussey,

Black,

Bowden,

Burwell,

Bartlett,

Brannen,

Boifeuillet,

Boynton of Calhoun,

Boynton of Spalding,

Bennett of Glynn,

Craig,

Cole,

Cook of Decatur,

Calvin,

Collum,

Cannon,

Clement,

Charters,

Chapman,

Copeland,

Callaway,

Dodson,

Duffy,

Durham,

Dickerson,

Duncan of Chatham,

Duncan of Houston,

Duncan of Lee,

Ellis,

Edwards,

Faust,

Ford,

Fogarty,

Felder,

Felker,

Freeman,

Hall,

Hill,

Hitch,

Hamby,

Hightower,

Hardeman,

Herrington,

Henderson of Colquitt,

Henderson of DeKalb,

Henderson of Irwin,

Henderson of Washington.

Jordan,

Johnson of Hall,

Johnson of Baker,

Johnson of Appling,

Kiser,

Kendrick,

Lance,

Little,

Longley,

Moore,

Mozley,

Morgan,

Maddox,

Mansfield,

Morrison,

McDonald,

McLaughlin,

McMichael,

McConnell,

McCook,

McCranie

McLarty,

McGehee,

Nisbet,

Niles,

Nevins,

Oliver,

Oakes,

Ogletree,

Patten,

Paulette,

Parker,

Pierce,

Phinizy,

Quillian,

Rawls,

Reid,

Reece,

Roberts,

Rawlings,

Redding,

Rudicil,

Rutherford,

Slaton,

Swift,

Simpson,

Smith of Hancock,

Taylor,

Turner,

Thomason,

Timmerman,

Thomson,

Thomas of Clarke,

Thomas of Pierce,

Thomas of Ware,

Vaughn,

Vincent,

West,

Webb,

Wright,

Watkins,

Whipple,

Wilkes,

Whitaker,

Worsham,

Wilcox of Telfair,

Wilcox of Wilcox,

Yates,

Mr. Speaker,

Total 161.

Those voting for Hon. William Phillips, of Cobb, were
Messrs.:

Brooke,

Baggett,

Bennett of Jackson,

Carter,

Castleberry,

Flynt,

Goldin,
Cook of Oconee,
Calhoun,
Deakin,
Edge,
Edenfield,
Ennis of Baldwin,
Foster,
Gowen,
Grice,
Hogan,
Hawes,
Johnson of Taliaferro,
Kaigler;
Leard,
Lott,
Meadow,
Montfort,
Nicholas,
Sell,
Strother,

Wren,

Walden.

Total 29.

Those voting for the Hon. J. F. Hanson, of Bibb, were
Messrs.—

Allen,

Law,

McDaniel.

Total 3.

The Hon. A. S. Clay, having received a majority of all the votes cast, the same being a majority of the General Assembly, was declared by the President duly elected United States Senator for the term commencing March 4, 1897

The General Assembly was, on motion, dissolved. The Senate returned to its chamber and was called to order by the President.

The following bills of the House were read the first time, and referred as indicated, to wit:

A bill to amend section 1288 of the Code of 1882.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

A bill “to provide for the payment of a salary to county school commissioners in lieu of a per diem in certain instances, and for other purposes.”

Referred to the Committee on Public Schools.

A bill "to amend an act to regulate the business of building and loan associations incorporated or hereafter to be incorporated under the laws of this State," etc.

Referred to the Committee on Banks.

The following joint resolution from the House, "to appoint a committee to attend the commencement exercises of the Georgia School of Technology," was taken up and concurred in.

Also, a joint resolution "to attend the commencement of the Georgia Normal and Industrial College in 1897," was taken up and concurred in.

The Senate took up the report of the committee of the whole on the bill of the House "to amend an act approved September 26, 1883, entitled an act to incorporate the Georgia Loan and Trust Company."

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, ayes 30, nays 0.

Mr. Battle offered the following resolution of condolence, which was read and unanimously agreed to:

Resolved 1. That the Senate has just heard with sorrow of the death of the father of Hon. Flynn Hargett, the worthy Messenger of the Senate.

Resolved 2. That we extend our sincere sympathy to our bereaved friend, the Messenger of the Senate, and the family of his deceased father.

The Senate, on motion, adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Wednesday, November 18, 1896, 10 O'clock a.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, the President in the chair.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

On the call of the roll, the following Senators answered to their names:

Allen,	Geiger,	Stevens,
Atkinson,	Goldin,	Stewart, 27th,
Battle,	Golightly,	Stewart, 34th,
Blalock,	Gray,	Sirother,
Brinson,	Ham,	Thomson,
Brooke,	Hopkins,	Turner,
Carter,	Hudson,	Van Buren,
Castleberry,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 18th,
Comas,	Mann,	Walker, 40th,
Cook,	McFarland,	Westmoreland,
Culver,	Redwine,	Wilcox,
Dunwoody,	Sheffield,	Witcher,
Everett,	Shropshire,	Wooten,
Flewellen,	Starr,	Mr. President.
Flynt,		

Mr. Kemp absent.

Mr. Van Buren reported the Journal correct. It was then read and confirmed.

Mr. Hudson offered a resolution inviting to seats in the Senate Dr. W P Burt, Colonel C. R. McCrary, and Mr. W D. Murray during their stay in this city.

Mr. Battle moved a reconsideration of the resolution of the Senate "to appoint a joint committee on lease of convicts," etc., which was amended yesterday and lost.

Upon the motion to reconsider, Mr. Hopkins required the ayes and nays to be recorded.

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Battle,	Flynt,	Shropshire,
Brinson,	Geiger,	Starr,
Brooke,	Goldin,	Stewart, 27th,
Carter,	Gray,	Stewart, 34th,
Comas,	Ham,	Turner,
Cook,	Hudson,	Van Buren,
Culver,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 18th,
Dunwody,	Mann,	Wilcox,
Everett,	McFarland,	Witcher,
Flewellen,	Redwine,	Wooten.

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Golightly,	Strother,
Atkinson,	Hopkins,	Thomson,
Blalock,	Sheffield,	Walker, 40th,
Castleberry,	Stevens,	Westmoreland.

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Kemp, Mr. President.

Ayes 30. Nays 12. Not voting 2.

So the motion to reconsider prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Battle, the reconsidered resolution was recommitted to the Committee on the Penitentiary.

Mr. Battle, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration Senate bill No. 7, being a bill to be entitled an act to amend section 1305 of the Code of 1882, changing the time of electing members of Congress from Georgia, and for other purposes, and I am directed to report the same back with the recommendation that Senator Stevens, the introducer, be allowed to withdraw the same.

The committee have also had under consideration Senate bill No. 17, being a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of State's witnesses in criminal prosecutions in the Superior Courts of this State who are residents of the county in which said Superior Courts are held, and for other purposes, and I am directed to report the same back with the recommendation that the same do not pass.

Respectfully submitted.

C. E. BATTLE, Chairman.

Mr. Comas, chairman of the Committee on Deaf and Dumb Asylum, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration House resolution No. 29, substituting the name "Georgia School for the Deaf" for "Deaf and Dumb," and instruct me to report the same favorably.

Respectfully submitted.

P H. COMAS, Chairman.

Mr. Brinson, chairman of the Committee on Enrollment, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee report as duly enrolled, signed by the Speaker and Clerk of the House, and ready for the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate, the following resolution, to wit:

A resolution in regard to the death of the Hon. Charles F. Crisp.

Respectfully submitted.

E. L. BRINSON, Chairman.

Mr. McFarland, chairman pro tem. of the Committee on Public Schools, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Public Schools have had under consideration the following bill of the House, to wit, and direct me to report the same, with recommendation that the same do pass:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of a salary to county school commissioners in lieu of a per diem in certain instances, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

T. F. McFARLAND, Chairman pro tem.

Mr. Starr, chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Education have had under consideration Senate bill No. 14, a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the election by the people of the county school commissioners of the various counties in this State; to prescribe their term of office, and for other purposes, which they report back, with the recommendation that the same do not pass.

Respectfully submitted.

O. N. STARR, Chairman.

Mr. Blalock, chairman of the Finance Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Finance Committee have had under consideration

House resolution No. 31, being a joint resolution to provide for the payment of teachers in this State, which they direct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same be concurred in by the Senate.

Respectfully submitted.

A. C. BLALOCK, Chairman.

Senator Golightly, chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report, to wit:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Corporations have had under consideration the following bill of the House, and direct me to report same, with recommendation that the same do pass, to wit:

A bill providing for census of cities to be taken under supervision of the Secretary of State.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. GOLIGHTLY, Chairman.

The Senate, on motion, took up the joint resolution from the House "to provide for the pay of teachers in this State."

Mr. Carter moved to amend by striking out the "fourth quarter" and inserting "third quarter.

This amendment was adopted.

Mr. Battle moved to lay the resolution on the table. The motion was lost.

The resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has concurred in the following resolution of the Senate, to wit:

A resolution appointing a joint committee to consider the report of the special attorney of the Western and Atlantic Railroad, and has appointed on the part of the House Messrs. Meldrim, Slaton, and Patten.

On the call of the roll for the introduction of new matter, the following bills were introduced, read the first time, and referred as indicated, to wit:

By Mr. Hopkins—

To amend the charter of the town of Quitman so as to authorize the mayor and aldermen of said town to maintain a dispensary for the sale of ardent spirits, malt liquors, cider and all other intoxicating liquors in said town.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Redwine—

A bill to provide for the transfer of corporate stock when used as collateral security, and to provide for the protection of the holders thereof.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Strother—

A bill to authorize the Governor to appoint a School-Book Board, etc.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Leave of absence for to-morrow was granted the committee to visit the State University and State Normal School.

Senators Gray and Shropshire were granted leaves of absence for to-morrow to attend to special committee work.

The privileges of the floor of the Senate were granted by resolution to Messrs. Richard D. Wyley, F. H. McFarland, D. Munroe Dunwoody, Hon. W. W. Graham, J. W. Tippan, P. A. Parker, Hons. J. M. Denton, W. W. McDonald, Judge W. F. Dart, and Hon. James H. Skelton.

Mr. Strother offered the following resolution of sympathy, which was read and unanimously adopted:

“Whereas, God, in his providence, has bereaved the esteemed Senator of the Forty-third District, Hon. O. N. Starr, and his dear family by removing by death from his home circle his dear little son; therefore, be it

“Resolved, That his body extend to the bereaved Senator and his family their profound sympathy in this hour of their great sorrow.”

The Senate, on motion, adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Thursday, November 19, 1896, 10 O'clock a.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

The roll call was, on motion, dispensed with.

Mr. Van Buren, from the Committee on Journals, reported the Journal correct. It was then read and confirmed.

Mr. Witcher was granted leave of absence for to-day on account of sickness.

Mr. Westmoreland was granted leave of absence on account of his attendance upon the State Convention.

Leave of absence was granted Mr. Stevens indefinitely on account of sickness in his family.

Mr. Walker, of the Eighteenth District, offered a resolution to appoint a special joint committee of three from the Senate and five from the House to confer with the Principal Keeper of the Penitentiary, etc.

This resolution was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Penitentiary.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed the following bill of the House by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit:

A bill to prohibit the municipal authorities of any incorporated town from levying or collecting any tax or license from traveling salesmen, and for other purposes.

The House has also adopted the following resolutions of the House, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution authorizing the Governor to pay the Trus-

tees of the University of Georgia a balance due on the appropriation made by the last General Assembly.

Also, a resolution to pay the committee and clerk of the Penitentiary Committee appointed to investigate the convicts, etc.

The joint resolution from the House substituting the name "Georgia School for the Deaf" for "Deaf and Dumb."

The resolution was taken up and concurred in.

The bill of the Senate to amend section 1305 of the Code of 1882, changing the time of electing members of Congress, which was reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that the introducer be allowed to withdraw the same, was taken up and laid on the table.

The bill of the Senate to provide for the election by the people of county school commissioners of the various counties in this State, etc., was taken up under adverse report of the Committee on Education, and, on motion of Mr. Geiger, recommitted to said committee.

Mr. Turner, under general consent, introduced a bill to abolish barrooms; to prohibit manufacture, sale and keeping for sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes, and to provide for its manufacture and sale for other purposes; to prescribe penalties for the violation of this act, and for other purposes.

This bill was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Mr. Comas introduced a bill to authorize the ordinary of Appling county to issue jail bonds and the manner and method of issuing the same.

This bill was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

The bill of the Senate to provide for the payment of State witnesses in criminal cases in the Superior Courts of this State who are residents of the county in which said Superior Courts are held, which was taken up under adverse report of the General Judiciary Committee, was taken up and lost by agreement with said report.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has adopted the following joint resolution, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A RESOLUTION.

Whereas, The Governor, in his message to the General Assembly, recommends an appropriation for the Middle Georgia Military and Agricultural College,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum, or a subcommittee therefrom, be requested to visit and inspect and report upon said college.

Mr. Sheffield introduced a bill, which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance, to require the tax-collectors of this State to make weekly reports under oath of all taxes collected, and to pay the same into the State and county treasuries, or into banks designated by the Governor as State depositories; to prescribe penalties for failure to do so, and for other purposes.

The following bills of the House were read the second time and passed to a third reading, to wit:

A bill to provide for the payment of a salary to the county school commissioners in lieu of a per diem in certain cases, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill providing for census of cities to be taken under supervision of the Secretary of State.

The bill of the House to prohibit the municipal authorities of any incorporated town from levying or collecting any tax or license from traveling salesmen engaged in taking orders for sale of goods where no delivery is made at the time of taking such orders.

This bill was read the first time and referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

A joint resolution of the House to pay the clerk of the Pardons Commission was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A joint resolution of the House authorizing the Governor to pay to the Trustees of the University of Georgia a balance due on the appropriation made by the last General Assembly of Georgia to the State Normal School was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A joint resolution providing for the appointment of a committee to visit the Middle Georgia Military and Agricultural College at Milledgeville was taken up and concurred in.

The Senate, having disposed of all business on the desk of the Secretary, adjourned, on motion, until 10 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Friday, November 20, 1896, 10 O'clock a.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, the President in the chair.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

On the call of the roll, the following Senators answered to their names:

Allen,	Geiger,	Stewart, 27th,
Atkinson,	Goldin,	Stewart, 34th,
Battle,	Gray,	Strother,
Blalock,	Ham,	Thomson,
Brinson,	Hudson,	Turner,
Brooke,	Kemp,	Van Buren,
Carter,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 18th,
Castleberry,	Mann,	Walker, 40th,
Comas,	McFarland,	Westmoreland,
Cook,	Redwine,	Wilcox,
Culver,	Sheffield,	Witcher,
Dunwoody,	Shropshire,	Wooten,
Everett,	Starr,	Mr. President.
Flewellen,		

Those absent were Messrs.—

Flynt,	Hopkins,	Stevens.
Golightly,		

Mr. Van Buren, from the Committee on Journals, reported the Journal correct. It was then read and confirmed by the Senate.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed the following House bills by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit:

A bill to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of Walton, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to repeal an act to make permanent the site of public buildings in the county of Walton.

The House has concurred in the Senate amendment to the following joint resolution of the House, to wit:

A resolution to provide for the payment of teachers in this State, and for other purposes.

The House has adopted the following joint resolution, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution appointing a committee to visit the Girls' Normal and Industrial College at Milledgeville, and has appointed on the part of the House Messrs. Armstrong, McGehee, Worsham.

On the call of the roll for the introduction of new matter, Mr. Comas introduced the following bill, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on General Judiciary, to wit:

A bill to make counties liable for damages where prisoners are taken from the custody of an officer and violence or injury is inflicted upon them, and for other purposes.

The following bills of the House were read for the first time and referred as indicated, to wit:

A bill to repeal an act to make permanent the site of the public buildings of the county of Walton at Monroe and to incorporate the same, approved November 30, 1821,

etc., so as to repeal the charter of said town, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also, a bill to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of Walton.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Battle, chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration Senate bills Nos. 1 and 11 in reference to establishing a Board of Dental Examiners, etc., which they direct me to report back with the recommendation that the same be read the second time and recommitted.

Said committee have also had under consideration Senate bill No. 18, being a bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the practice of law, medicine, etc., in this State without having paid the special taxes as required by law, etc., which they direct me to report back with the recommendation that the same do pass as amended.

Said committee have also had under consideration House bill No. 15, being a bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the municipal authorities of any incorporated town from levying or collecting any tax or license from traveling salesmen engaged in taking orders for sale of goods where no delivery is made at the time of taking orders, which they direct me to report back with the recommendation that the same do pass.

Respectfully submitted.

C. E. BATTLE, Chairman.

The joint resolution of the House providing for the appointment of a committee to visit the Girls' Normal and Industrial College at Milledgeville was, on motion, taken up and concurred in.

The bill of the House providing for census of cities to be taken under supervision of the Secretary of State was taken up under favorable report of the Committee on Corporations.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, ayes 34, nays 0.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Public Schools on the bill of the House to provide for the payment of a salary to county school commissioners in lieu of a per diem in certain cases, and for other purposes.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, ayes 34, nays 0.

The following bills of the Senate were read the second time and recommitted to the General Judiciary Committee, to wit:

A bill to establish a Board of Dental Examiners, prescribe its duties, etc.

Also, a bill to establish a Board of Dental Examiners for the State of Georgia, to define its duties, etc.

On motion of Mr. Dunwody, the House bills passed this day were ordered to be immediately transmitted to the House.

The bill of the Senate to prohibit the practice of law, medicine, dentistry, etc., in this State without having paid the special tax required by law, etc., was read the second time and passed to a third reading.

The bill of the House to prohibit the municipal authorities of any incorporated town from levying or collecting any tax or license from traveling salesmen engaged in taking orders for sale of goods where no delivery is made at the time of taking such orders, was read the second time and passed to a third reading.

Mr. Walker, of the Fortieth District, was granted leave of absence until Wednesday next; Mr. Flynt until Tuesday next; Mr. Walker of the Eighteenth District, for Monday next; Mr. Hopkins until Monday next; Mr. Wooten until Wednesday next, and Mr. Cook until Tuesday morning next.

The committee of the Senate to visit the Girls' Normal and Industrial College at Milledgeville are Messrs. Walker of the Eighteenth and Stewart of the Thirty-fourth District.

Mr. Atkinson, chairman of the Committee on Temperance, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Temperance have had under consideration Senate bill No. 22, known as the anti-barroom bill, and direct me to ask that one hundred copies be printed for the use of the committee and Senate.

A. A. ATKINSON, Chairman.

The report was taken up and adopted.

By resolution of Mr. Everett, the privileges of the floor were granted to the Hon. Graham Forster and Hon. Eugene Winn during their stay in this city.

The Senate took a recess for fifteen minutes. At the expiration of this period it was called to order, when, on motion, a further recess was taken until ten minutes of 12 o'clock m.

The Senate was called to order.

The following message was received from his Excellency, the Governor, through Mr. Warren, his Secretary:

Mr. President: .

I am directed by the Governor to deliver to the Senate a sealed communication in writing, to which he respectfully invites the consideration of your honorable body in executive session.

The Senate went into executive session and, having spent some time therein, returned to open session.

Mr. Hudson introduced a bill to enlarge the powers of the Railroad Commission of Georgia so as to require railroads to receive, receipt for and deliver cars and freights, and to prevent discriminations.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Berner introduced a bill to amend an act to incorporate the Monroe Banking, Loan and Guarantee Company, and for other purposes.

This bill was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banks.

Mr. Blalock introduced the following bill, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Railroads, to wit:

A bill to authorize the Railroad Commission of Georgia to compel the shipper or consignee or officer, agent or employe of a common carrier to give evidence on certain conditions, touching complaints of violations of the law against granting or giving rebates and underbidding by common carriers and to exempt such persons so compelled to testify from indictment or prosecution for his connection with any such transactions, to make such persons thereafter competent and compellable to testify in the courts of this State and for other purposes.

Mr. Comas introduced a bill to authorize the ordinaries of the counties of Appling, Wayne, and Pierce to form chain-gangs for misdemeanor convicts, etc., which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Brinson, chairman of the Enrollment Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Enrollment have examined the following act and find it properly enrolled and ready for the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate, to wit:

An act to provide for the payment of a salary to county school commissioners in lieu of a per diem in certain instances, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

E. L. BRINSON, Chairman.

The Senate adjourned, on motion, until 12 o'clock m. Monday next.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Monday, November 23, 1896, 12 O'clock m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, the President in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Hon. William Turner, Senator from the Twenty-seventh District.

On the call of the roll, the following Senators answered to their names:

Allen,	Goldin,	Starr,
Atkinson,	Gray,	Stewart, 27th,
Battle,	Ham,	Stewart, 34th,
Blalock,	Hudson,	Strother,
Brinson,	Kemp,	Thomson,
Brooke,	Kilpatrick,	Turner,
Carter,	Mann,	Van Buren,
Castleberry,	McFarland,	Westmoreland,
Culver,	Redwine,	Wilcox,
Everett,	Sheffield,	Witcher,
Flewellen,	Shropshire,	Mr. President.
Geiger,		

Those absent were Messrs.—

Comas,	Golightly,	Walker, 18th,
Cook,	Hopkins,	Walker, 40th,
Dunwody,	Stevens,	Wooten.
Flynt,		

Mr. Van Buren, from the Committee on Journals, reported the Journal correct.

It was then read and approved by the Senate.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed the following bills of the House by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit:

A bill to incorporate the city of Monroe, in the county of Walton.

Also, a bill to amend an act incorporating the American Trust and Banking Company.

Also, a bill to authorize the Supreme Court to appoint three additional shorthand writers.

Also, a bill to incorporate the city of Fitzgerald, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to provide for the election of clerks of Boards of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the Georgia Empire Mutual Insurance Company.

The House has also adopted the following joint resolutions, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution to invite Dr. Wm. Boggs, Chancellor of the State University, to address the General Assembly on the 24th inst.

Also, a resolution providing for the indexing of the Journals of the Senate and House of 1896 and 1897.

Also, a resolution to appoint a committee to visit the State Industrial College for Colored People.

Also, a resolution for the appointment of a School-Book Commission, and for other purposes.

Mr. Battle, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following bills, which they direct me to report back, with the recommendation that the same do not pass, to wit:

Senate bill No. 2, being a bill to be entitled an act to amend paragraphs 2 and 3 of section 3 of article 6, and paragraph 1 of section 11 of article 6 of the Constitution of this State, so as to provide for the election of Judges of the Superior Courts and Solicitors-General by the electors of their respective judicial circuits.

Also, Senate bill No. 5, being a bill to be entitled an act to define and punish the crime of stealing hogs, cattle, sheep, and other domestic animals of less value than (\$20.00) twenty dollars, and to provide penalties therefor.

Also, Senate bill No. 12, being a bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the mode and authorize the collection of State, county and municipal taxes, of individuals or corporations, on property which has been placed in the hands of receivers by the courts.

Also, Senate bill No. 25, being a bill to be entitled an act to make counties liable for damages where prisoners are taken from the custody of an officer and violence or injury is inflicted upon them, and for other purposes.

The committee have also had under consideration Senate bill No. 16, being a bill to permit defendants bona fide in possession of land under claim of title, to set off the value of permanent improvements, and to recover the value of the same in excess of mesne profits, and for other purposes, which they direct me to report back, with the recommendation that the same do pass, as amended.

The committee have also had under consideration Senate bill No. 4, being a bill to be entitled an act to repeal the third section of an act approved December 16, 1895, entitled an act to provide for the appointment of auditors, prescribe their duties, fix their compensation, etc., and to provide in lieu thereof, that all exceptions of fact to the report of the auditor shall be tried by the jury, which they direct me to report back, with the recommendation that the same do pass.

Respectfully submitted.

C. E. BATTLE, Chairman.

Mr. Brinson, Chairman of the Committee on Enrolling, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Enrolling Committee have had under consideration the following bill of the House, and direct me to report the same as duly enrolled, properly signed by the Speaker of the House and Clerk of the House, and ready for the signatures of the President of the Senate and Secretary of the Senate, to wit:

An act providing for census of cities to be taken under supervision of the Secretary of State.

Also, a resolution substituting the name "Georgia School for the Deaf," for Deaf and Dumb.

Also, a joint resolution to provide for the payment of teachers in this State.

Respectfully submitted.

E. L. BRINSON, Chairman.

Mr. Brinson, Chairman of the Enrolling Committee submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Enrolling Committee have examined and direct me to report the following bill of the House as properly enrolled, duly signed by the Speaker and Clerk of the House of Representatives, and ready for the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate, to wit:

An act to amend an act approved September 26, 1883, entitled an act to incorporate the Georgia Loan and Trust Company.

Respectfully submitted.

E. L. BRINSON, Chairman.

Mr. Stewart, of the Thirty-fourth District, Chairman of the Committee on Banks, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Banks have had under consideration the following Senate bill, which they recommend be read the second time and be recommitted to the Committee on Banks, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act incorporating the Monroe Banking, Loan and Guarantee Company.

Respectfully submitted.

T. D. STEWART, Chairman.

Mr. Dunwoody was excused from attendance upon this day's session of the Senate.

The following bills of the House were read the first time, and referred as indicated, to wit:

To provide for the election of their clerks by the Boards of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues, in the various counties of this State, to define their duties, etc.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

A bill to incorporate the city of Monroe, in the county of Walton, etc.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

A bill to incorporate the city of Fitzgerald, in Irwin county.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

A bill to amend the charter of the Georgia Empire Mutual Insurance Company.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the American Trust and Banking Company, approved August 29, 1889, and also an act amendatory thereof, approved December 20, 1890, etc.

Referred to the Committee on Banks.

Mr. Gray introduced a bill, which was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Temperance, to wit:

A bill to prohibit the sale of any intoxicating, fermented or distilled liquors, in less quantities than one pint, and prohibit the drinking or use of the same on the premises where sold; prescribe punishment for violating; and for other purposes.

The Secretary, Hon. Wm. Clifton, was granted leave of absence for several days on business.

A resolution of the House, to appoint a committee to visit the State Industrial School for Colored Persons, was taken up, read and concurred in.

A resolution from the House, inviting Dr. Boggs, Chancellor of the University of Georgia, to address the General Assembly at 11 o'clock, Tuesday next, was taken up, read and concurred in.

The following joint resolution of the House, relative to the appointment of a School-Book Commission, etc., was read the first time.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

A resolution providing for the indexing of the Journals of the House and Senate for the sessions of 1896 and 1897, was read the first time.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill of the House to authorize the Supreme Court to appoint three additional shorthand writers, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee for the Relief of the Supreme Court.

The following bills of the Senate were read the second time, and passed to a third reading, to wit:

A bill to amend an act incorporating the Monroe Banking, Loan and Guarantee Company.

A bill to repeal the third section of an act approved December 16, 1895, entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the appointment of auditors; prescribe their duties, fix their compensation, etc., and to provide in lieu thereof that all exceptions of fact to the report of the auditors shall be tried by a jury.

Also, a bill to permit defendants bona fide in possession of land under claim of title, to set off the value of permanent improvements and to recover the value of same in excess of mesne profits, and for other purposes.

The Senate, having disposed of all business on the desk of the Secretary, adjourned, on motion, until 10 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Tuesday, November 24, 1896, 10 O'clock a.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President pro tem.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

On the call of the roll, the following Senators answered to their names.

Those present were Messrs.—

Allen,	Flewellen,	Sheffield,
Atkinson,	Flynt,	Shropshire,
Battle,	Geiger,	Starr,
Blalock,	Goldin,	Stewart, 27th,
Brinson,	Gray,	Stewart, 34th,
Brooke,	Ham,	Strother,
Carter,	Hudson,	Thomson,
Castleberry,	Kemp,	Turner,
Comas,	Kilpatrick,	Van Buren,
Cook,	Mann,	Walker, 18th,
Culver,	McFarland,	Wilcox,
Everett,	Redwine,	Witcher.

Those absent were Messrs.—

Dunwody,	Stevens,	Wooten,
Golightly,	Walker, 40th,	Mr. President.
Hopkins,	Westmoreland,	

Mr. Van Buren, chairman of the Committee on Journals, reported the Journal correct. It was then read and confirmed by the Senate.

Mr. Stewart of the Thirty-fourth, chairman of the Committee on Banks, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Banks have had under consideration the following bills, which I am instructed to report to the Senate that they do pass, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act incorporating the Monroe Banking, Loan and Guarantee Company.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to regulate the business of building and loan associations heretofore or hereafter incorporated under the laws of this State

which do business outside of this State, etc., and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

T. D. STEWART, Chairman.

Mr. Battle of the Twenty-fourth District, chairman of the Committee on General Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on General Judiciary have had under consideration the following bill of the Senate and direct me to report the same back to the Senate with recommendation that the same do not pass:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit railroad companies and other companies from giving to public officers of the State free passes, franking privileges, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

C. E. BATTLE, Chairman.

Mr. Kilpatrick asked until to-morrow to furnish and file a minority report on the foregoing bill.

Mr. Blalock, chairman of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Finance Committee have had under consideration the following bill, which they direct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass as amended, to wit:

A bill by Mr. Sheffield, of the Ninth District, to be entitled an act to require tax-collectors of this State to make weekly reports under oath of all taxes collected; to pay the same into the State and county treasuries or into banks designated by the Governor as State depositories; to prescribe penalties for failure to do so, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

A. C. BLALOCK, Chairman.

The following bills of the Senate, adversely reported, were, on motion, laid on the table for the present, to wit:

A bill to amend paragraphs 2 and 3 of section 3 article 6; paragraph 1 of section 11 of article 6 of the Constitution of this State so as to provide for the election of Judges of the Superior Court and Solicitors-General by the electors of their respective circuits.

Also, a bill to define and punish the crime of stealing hogs, cattle, sheep and other domestic animals of less value than twenty dollars.

The following bills of the Senate were taken up under adverse report of the General Judiciary Committee, to wit:

A bill to make counties liable for damages where prisoners are taken from the custody of an officer and violence or injury is inflicted upon them, etc.

Also, a bill to prescribe the mode and authorize the collection of State, county and municipal taxes which has been placed in the hands of receivers.

The Senate took up the report of the General Judiciary

Committee on the bill to repeal the 3d section of an act approved December 16, 1895, entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the appointment of auditors, prescribe their duties, fix their compensation, etc., and to provide in lieu thereof that all exceptions of fact to the report of the auditor shall be tried by a jury.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, ayes 31, nays 0.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed the following bills of the House by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit:

A bill to establish a city court in the city of Elberton, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to authorize the town of Royston to issue and sell bonds for school purposes.

Also, a bill to incorporate the town of Yatesville, in Upson county.

Also, a bill to incorporate the town of Plains, in Sumter county.

Also, a bill to make penal the collecting or receiving fees for obtaining pensions for Confederate soldiers in Georgia.

Also, a bill to incorporate the city of Elberton, in Elbert county; to change the name of the town of Elberton to the city of Elberton.

The bill of the Senate to permit defendants bona fide in possession of land under claim of title to set off the value of permanent improvements and to recover the value of the same in excess of mesne profits, and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Battle, this bill was ordered to lay on the table for the present and one hundred copies thereof, with the amendments reported by the General Judiciary Committee, be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Chaplain of the Senate was granted leave of absence for a few days to attend the North Georgia Conference.

The bill of the Senate to prohibit the practice of law, medicine, dentistry, etc., in the State without having paid the special tax, etc., was made the special order for Monday next.

The following communication was received from his Excellency, the Governor, through his Secretary, Mr. Warren, to wit:

I am directed by the Governor to deliver to the Senate a sealed communication, to which he respectfully invites the consideration of your honorable body in executive session.

Mr. Goldin, by general consent, introduced the following bills, which were read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance, to wit:

A bill to reduce, fix and regulate the salaries of the Treasurer, Secretary of State, Comptroller-General, Commissioner of Agriculture, and the per diem of the members of the General Assembly.

Also, a bill to reduce, fix and regulate the salaries of

the Governor of this State, the Judges of the Supreme Court, the Judges of the Superior Courts, and the Attorney-General of this State.

Mr. Wilcox offered a resolution extending sympathy to the Cubans, etc., which was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Republic.

The Senate took up the report of the General Judiciary Committee on the bill of the House to prohibit the municipal authorities of any incorporated town from levying or collecting any tax or license from traveling salesmen engaged in taking orders for sale of goods where no delivery is made at the time of taking such orders.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, ayes 27, nays 0.

The following bills of the House were read the first time and referred as indicated, to wit:

A bill to incorporate the city of Elberton, in Elbert county, etc.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

A bill to authorize the town of Royston, in Franklin county, to issue and sell the bonds of said town for the purpose of erecting public school buildings, etc.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

A bill to incorporate the town of Yatesville, in the county of Upson, etc., and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

A bill to make penal the collecting or receiving of fees for obtaining pensions.

Referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill to establish a city court in the city of Elberton.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

A bill to incorporate the town of Plains, in the county of Sumter.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

At the hour of 11 o'clock a.m. the President pro tem. announced that the time had arrived to meet in General Assembly for the purpose of hearing the annual address of the Chancellor of the State University.

Whereupon the Senate, in a body, preceded by the President pro tem. and the Assistant Secretary, proceeded to the House of Representatives.

Being received by the House, standing, the President pro tem. took the chair, called the General Assembly to order, and introduced Dr. Boggs, the Chancellor, who proceeded to deliver his annual address. At its conclusion, the General Assembly was, on motion, dissolved.

The Senate returned to its chamber and was called to order by the President pro tem.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Banks on the bill of the Senate to amend an act incorporating the Monroe Banking, Loan and Guarantee Company, and for other purposes, adopted October 22, 1887, and which was afterwards amended by changing the name of

said bank to the Bank of Forsyth, approved — 1895, by giving the said corporation additional powers, and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Berner, the title was amended by filling the blank therein with the words "December 4th."

The report, as amended, was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed as amended, ayes 25, nays 0.

On motion of Mr. Berner, it was ordered to be immediately transmitted to the House.

The bill of the Senate to require the tax-collectors of this State to make weekly reports under oath of all taxes collected, and to pay the same into the State and county treasuries or into banks designated by the Governor as State depositories; to prescribe penalties for failing to do so, and for other purposes, was read the second time and passed to a third reading.

The bill of the House to amend an act to regulate business of building and loan associations heretofore or hereafter incorporated by the laws of this State which do business in this State, was read the second time and recommitted to the Committee on Banks.

Leave of absence was granted the Committee on Lunatic Asylum, Messrs. Stewart of the Thirty-fourth and Walker of the Eighteenth Districts, until Friday to visit the Girls' Normal and Industrial College at Milledgeville.

Leave of absence was granted Mr. Strother for Friday, Saturday, and Monday morning.

The Senate, having disposed of all business on the desk of the Secretary, adjourned, on motion, until 10 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Wednesday, November 25, 1896. 10 O'clock a.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the President.

The call of the roll was, on motion, dispensed with.

Mr. Van Buren, chairman of the Committee on Journals, reported the Journal correct. It was then read and confirmed by the Senate.

Mr. Westmoreland, chairman of the Committee on Engrossing, submitted the following report, to wit:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Engrossing have examined the following Senate bills and direct me to report the same duly engrossed and ready to be transmitted to the House of Representatives:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to incorporate the Monroe Banking, Loan and Guarantee Company, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to repeal the third section of an act approved December 16, 1895, to amend an act to provide for the appointment of an auditor, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

G. F. WESTMORELAND, Chairman.

Mr. Dunwody, of the Fourth District, chairman pro tem. of the Committee on Relief of Supreme Court, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Relief of Supreme Court have had under consideration the following House bill, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Supreme Court to appoint three additional shorthand writers, and for other purposes, and they direct me to report the bill back with the recommendation that the same do pass.

Respectfully submitted.

HARRY F DUNWODY, Chairman pro tem.

On the call of the roll for the introduction of new matter, the following bill was introduced, read the first time, and referred to the General Judiciary Committee, to wit:

By Mr Redwine—

A bill declaring express companies operating and doing business in this State common carriers, and providing for their regulation and control by the Railroad Commission.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed the following House bill by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit:

A bill to authorize the city of Augusta to grant the use of the streets of Augusta to any railroad company or corporation.

Mr. Gray, of the Twenty-third District, Chairman pro tem. of the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Appropriations have had under consideration the following joint resolutions of the House, which they direct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same be read the second time and recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations, to wit:

No. 24, a resolution providing for the indexing of the Journals of the House of Representatives and Senate for the sessions of 1896-1897

Also, No. 14, a joint resolution authorizing the Governor to pay to the Trustees of the University of Georgia a balance due on the appropriations made by the last General Assembly of Georgia to the State Normal School.

Also, No. 11, a joint resolution authorizing the Governor to draw his warrant upon the Treasurer of the State for the amount of the per diem of the committee appointed by the last General Assembly to investigate into the records of the penitentiary, and also for clerk hire for said committee.

Respectfully submitted.

C. G. GRAY, Chairman pro tem.

The Senate, on motion, went into executive session and, having spent some time therein, returned to open session.

Under a suspension of the rules, the bill of the House to authorize the Supreme Court to appoint three additional shorthand writers, and for other purposes, was taken up, read the second time, and passed to a third reading.

Under further suspension of the rules, a bill to authorize the city council of Augusta to grant the use of the streets of the city of Augusta, to any railroad company or corporation, by steam locomotive or other power, etc., was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

The President announced the following as the committee to visit the Georgia School of Technology during the commencement exercises, in 1897, viz.: Messrs. Blalock, McFarland, Wilcox, Hopkins, and Brooke.

The following joint resolutions from the House were read the second time, and recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations, to wit:

A joint resolution to pay the clerk of the Pardon Commission.

Also, a joint resolution authorizing the Governor to pay the Trustees of the University of Georgia a balance due on the appropriation made by the last General Assembly of Georgia to the State Normal School.

Also, a joint resolution providing for the indexing of the Journals of the House of Representatives and Senate for the sessions of 1896 and 1897.

The Senate took up the report of the Finance Committee on the bill of the Senate to require the tax-collectors of this State to make weekly reports, under oath, of all taxes collected, and to pay the same into the State and county treasuries, or into banks designated by the Governor as State depositories; to prescribe penalties for failure to do so, and for other purposes.

The committee reported in favor of the passage of the bill, with amendments, which were adopted.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time, and on the question of its passage, as amended, there were ayes 18, there were nays 6.

So the bill, not having received a constitutional majority, was lost.

Mr. Sheffield gave notice that he would move a reconsideration of the same.

The following bills of the House were read the second time, and were passed to a third reading, to wit:

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Augusta, by authorizing the city council of Augusta to impose license taxes upon all occupations, etc., by residents or non-residents, and for other purposes.

A bill to define the powers of the Recorder of the city of Augusta, etc.

A bill to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of Walton, etc.

Also, a bill to repeal an act to make permanent the site of the public buildings of the county of Walton, at Monroe, etc.

Mr. Shropshire, Chairman of the Committee on Special Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the fol-

lowing House bills, which they instruct me to report back, with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of Walton.

A bill to define the powers of the Recorder of the city of Augusta, as to fines and penalties to be imposed by him for violation of the rules, regulations, etc.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the city of Augusta, by authorizing the city council of Augusta to impose license taxes upon all occupations, etc., by residents or non-residents, and for other purposes.

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act to make permanent the site of the public buildings of the county of Walton, at Monroe, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

WESLEY SHROPSHIRE, Chairman.

Mr. Gray offered a joint resolution authorizing the appointment of two Assistant Doorkeepers, which was read, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The bill of the Senate to prohibit the granting of passes to public officers by railroads, etc., was taken up, under adverse report of the General Judiciary Committee, and on motion of Mr. Carter.

On the question of agreeing to the adverse report of the committee, Mr. Carter required the ayes and nays to be recorded.

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Mann,	Van Buren,
Atkinson,	McFarland,	Walker, 40th,
Battle,	Redwine,	Westmoreland,
Brinson,	Sheffield,	Wilcox,
Dunwody,	Shropshire,	Witcher.
Hopkins,	Starr,	

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Brooke,	Golightly,	Kilpatrick,
Carter,	Gray,	Strother,
Flewellen,	Ham,	Turner.
Flynt,	Kemp,	

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Blalock,	Geiger,	Stewart, 34th,
Castleberry,	Goldin,	Thomson,
Comas,	Hudson,	Walker, 18th,
Cook,	Stevens,	Wooten.
Culver,	Stewart, 27th.	Mr. President.
Everett,		

Ayes 17 Nays 11. Not voting 16.

So the report was agreed to, and the bill lost.

The joint committee appointed to investigate the question of the Blue Ridge and Atlantic Railroad, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The joint committee from the House and Senate having had under consideration the joint resolution to investigate the question as to whether the Blue Ridge and Atlantic Railroad Company had complied with the conditions of the act approved December 16, 1895.

1. We find all taxes, State, county and municipal, were paid within the time prescribed by said act.

2. We find that a daily schedule was put on, within the time prescribed by said act, and has been in operation since.

3. We find that the bridges, trestles, and road-bed of said railroad have been put in, and are now in safe and good condition.

Respectfully submitted.

FLETCHER M. JOHNSON, Chairman,
On the part of the House.

C. G. GRAY, Chairman,
On the part of the Senate.

The report was read, and, on motion, adopted.

The Senate, on motion, adjourned until Friday next, at 11 o'clock a.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Friday, November 27, 1896, 11 O'clock a.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President of the Senate.

Prayer was offered by the Hon. Mr. Atkinson.

On the call of the roll, the following Senators answered to their names:

Atkinson,	Geiger,	Starr,
Battle,	Golightly,	Stevens,
Blalock,	Gray,	Stewart, 34th,
Brinson,	Ham,	Thomson,
Brooke,	Hopkins,	Turner,
Carter,	Hudson,	Van Buren,
Castleberry,	Kemp,	Walker, 18th,
Comas,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 40th,

Cook,	Mann,	Westmoreland,
Dunwoody,	McFarland,	Wilcox,
Everett,	Redwine,	Witcher,
Flewellen,	Sheffield,	Mr. President.
Flynt,	Shropshire,	

Those absent were Messrs.—

Allen,	Goldin,	Strother,
Culver,	Stewart, 27th,	Wooten.

Mr. Van Buren, Chairman of the Committee on Journals, reported the Journal correct.

It was then read and confirmed by the Senate.

Leave of absence was granted Mr. Allen and the Doorkeeper of the Senate, on account of sickness.

Mr. Sheffield moved a reconsideration of a bill of the Senate to require the tax-collectors of this State to make weekly reports, under oath, of all taxes collected, and to pay over the same into the State and county treasuries, etc.

The motion to reconsider prevailed.

Mr. Battle, of the Twenty-fourth District, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following bills, which they direct me to report back, with the recommendation that the same do pass, by substitute, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish a Board of Dental Examiners, prescribe its powers and duties, and to regulate dentistry and the practice thereof, and to repeal existing laws regulating the same, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to amend section 1258 of the Code of 1882.

The committee have also had under consideration Senate bill No. 11, by Mr. Hudson, of the Thirteenth District, being a bill to be entitled an act to establish a Board of Dental Examiners for the State of Georgia, to define its duties and powers, to protect the people from illegal and unqualified practitioners of dentistry, to regulate the issuing and recording of licenses, etc., which they direct me to report back, with the recommendation that the author be allowed to withdraw the same.

Respectfully submitted.

C. E. BATTLE, Chairman.

On the call of the roll for the introduction of new matter, the following bills were introduced, read the first time, and referred as indicated, to wit:

By Mr. Brinson—

A bill to authorize the Mayor and Council of the town of Millen to issue bonds to the amount of \$8,000, for the purpose of constructing and equipping an academy or academies for said town, and for purchasing a lot or lots upon which to erect the same, to provide for the payment of the principal and interest on said bonds by local taxation, etc.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Mann—

A bill to provide extra compensation for County Commissioners, Ordinaries, or County Judges, in counties operating under the Road Laws, and for other purposes.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Redwine—

A bill to create a Commissioner of Roads and Revenues for the county of Jackson, etc.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

The Senate took up the report of the Special Judiciary Committee on the bill of the House to amend the charter of the city of Augusta, by authorizing the City Council of Augusta to impose license taxes upon all occupations, by residents or non-residents, and for other purposes.

The committee reported in favor of its passage with an amendment, which was agreed to, and the report was adopted.

Proof of legal notice was submitted.

The bill was read the third time, and passed, as amended, ayes 30, nays 0.

The bill of the House to define the powers of the Recorder of the city of Augusta, as to fines and penalties to be imposed by him, etc.

The report was agreed to.

Proof of legal notice was submitted.

The bill was read the third time, and passed, ayes 32, nays 1.

The Senate took up the report of the Special Judiciary Committee on the bill of the House to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of Walton, etc.

The report was agreed to.

Proof of legal notice was submitted.

The bill was read the third time, and passed, ayes 24, nays 0.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee for Relief of the Supreme Court, on the bill of the House to authorize the Supreme Court to appoint three additional shorthand writers, and for other purposes.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time, and passed, ayes 26, nays 0.

The Senate took up the report of the General Judiciary Committee on the bill of the Senate to create a Board of Dental Examiners, prescribe its powers and duties, etc., and for other purposes.

The committee reported in favor of its passage by substitute.

Pending action on the report of the committee, the bill was laid on the table.

It was ordered that one hundred copies of the substitute be printed for the use of the Senate.

The following bills of the House were read the second time, and passed to a third reading, to wit:

To amend section 1288 of the Code of 1882.

Also, a bill to repeal an act to make permanent the site of the public buildings of the county of Walton, at Monroe, etc.

Mr. Shropshire, Chairman of Special Judiciary Committee, submits the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back, with the recommendation that the same be read the second time, and recommitted to the Special Judiciary Committee, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the city of Fitzgerald, in Irwin county, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

WESLEY SHROPSHIRE, Chairman.

The bill of the House to incorporate the city of Fitzgerald, in Irwin county, and for other purposes, was read the second time, and recommitted to the Special Judiciary Committee.

On motion of Mr. Sheffield, the Senate took up the report of the Finance Committee on the reconsidered bill of the Senate to require the tax-collectors of this State to make weekly reports, under oath, of all taxes collected, and to pay the same into the State and county treasuries, or into the banks designated by the Governor as State depositories, to prescribe penalties for failure to do, and for other purposes.

The committee reported in favor of its passage, with amendments, which were adopted.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time, and passed, as amended; ayes 34, nays 0.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the following bill of the Senate, adversely reported by the General Judiciary Committee, was taken from the table, and made the special order for Wednesday next, immediately after the reading of the Journal, to wit:

A bill to amend paragraphs 2 and 3 of section 3 of article 6, paragraph 1 of section 11 of article 6 of the Constitution of this State, so as to provide for the election of Judges of the Superior Courts and Solicitors-General, by the electors of their respective circuits.

On motion of Mr. Gray, the bill of the Senate, which was adversely reported by the General Judiciary Committee, and laid on the table, was taken from the table, and the question of agreeing to the report of the committee was taken up, to wit:

A bill to define and punish the crime of stealing hogs, cattle, etc., and other domestic animals.

The adverse report was agreed to, and the bill was, therefore, lost.

The following leaves of absence were granted, to wit:

Mr. Gray, for to-morrow; Mr. Ham, for a few days; Mr. McFarland, until Monday; Mr. Sheffield, until Thursday morning next, and to Mr. Kemp until Tuesday.

By resolution of Mr. Geiger, the Hon. E. A. Weil was tendered a seat in the Senate.

The Senate, on motion, adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Saturday, November 28, 1896, 10 O'clock a.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered.

On the call of the roll, the following Senators answered to their names:

Atkinson,	Geiger,	Stewart, 27th,
Brinson,	Golightly,	Stewart, 34th,
Brooke,	Hopkins,	Thomson,
Carter,	Hudson,	Turner,
Castleberry,	Kilpatrick,	Van Buren,
Comas,	Maun,	Walker, 40th,
Cook,	McFarland,	Wilcox,
Dunwody,	Shropshire,	Witcher,
Everett,	Starr,	Wooten,
Flewellen,	Stevens,	Mr. President.
Flynt,		

Those absent were Messrs.—

Allen,	Gray,	Sheffield,
Battle,	Ham,	Strother,
Blalock,	Kemp,	Walker, 18th,
Culver,	Redwine,	Westmoreland.
Goldin,		

Mr. Van Buren, from the Committee on Journals, reported the Journal correct.

It was then read and confirmed by the Senate.

Mr. Stewart, of the Thirty-fourth District, in behalf of Mr. Gray, gave notice of a motion to reconsider the bill of the Senate to define and punish the crime of stealing hogs, cattle, etc., of less value than \$20.00, etc.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, of the Thirty-fourth District, the question of reconsideration was made the special order

for Tuesday, immediately after the reading of the Journal, the rules being suspended for this purpose.

Mr. Atkinson, of the Twenty-sixth District, Chairman pro tem. of the Committee on State of the Republic, submitted the following report:

Mr. President.

Your Committee on State of the Republic have had under consideration the resolution of Mr. Wilcox, of the Fifth District, requesting our Representatives to use their influence in Congress to obtain belligerent rights for the Cubans, and instruct me to report the same back to the Senate, favorably, as amended.

Respectfully submitted.

ALEX. ATKINSON, Chairman.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof :

Mr. President:

The House has passed the following bills of the House, by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit:

A bill to establish a system of public schools in the town of Roswell.

Also, a bill to prescribe who are qualified to vote in the village of Summerville, in Richmond county

Also, a bill to amend an act approved September 12, 1887, to fix the time of adjournment of Superior and City Courts in this State.

Also, a bill to change the time of holding McDuffie Superior Court.

Also, a bill to provide additional method for collecting purchase money notes for personalty.

Also, a bill to change the time of holding the fall term of Pike Superior Court.

Also, a bill to authorize the Commissioners of the village of Sunnerville to provide for the registration of voters.

Also, a bill to provide for the payment of costs in civil cases in the County Courts and Justice Courts.

Also, a bill to authorize recording bonds for titles to real estate.

Also, a bill to amend section 815 of volume 3 of the Code of 1895.

Also, a bill to reincorporate the Atlantic, Atlanta and Great Western Railroad and Navigation Company, approved September 22, 1887

Also, a bill to appropriate \$2,500 to meet a deficit incurred by the Board of Trustees of the Georgia School for the Deaf.

Also, a bill to protect the State and counties thereof when public work is let out by bidding.

Also, a bill to incorporate the Finance Banking Company, of Atlanta, Georgia.

Also, a bill to abolish the City Court of Elbert county.

The House has also adopted the following resolution, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution authorizing the Governor to relinquish all claims of the State against the Blue Ridge and Atlantic Railroad.

Mr. Stevens, of the Eleventh District, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Appropriations have had under consideration the following resolutions, which they direct me to report back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the same do pass:

A resolution providing for the indexing of the Journals of the House of Representatives and Senate, for the sessions of 1896 and 1897.

Also, a resolution authorizing the Governor to pay to the Trustees of the University of Georgia, a balance due on the appropriation made by the last General Assembly of Georgia to the State Normal School.

Also, a resolution recognizing the appointment of two assistants made by the Doorkeeper of the Senate.

Your committee have also had under consideration the following resolution, which they direct me to report back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the same do pass, as amended:

A resolution authorizing the Governor to draw his warrants upon the Treasurer of the State, in payment of the per diem of the members of the Penitentiary Committee, appointed under a joint resolution of 1895, and the sum of

one hundred dollars per month for the clerk of said committee.

Respectfully submitted.

O. B. STEVENS, Chairman.

Mr. Stewart, of the Thirty-fourth District, Chairman of Committee on Banks, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Banks have had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me, as chairman, to report back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the same do pass:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to incorporate the American Trust and Banking Company, approved August 29, 1889, and also an act amendatory, approved December 20, 1890, etc.

The committee have also had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the same do pass, as amended:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to regulate the business of building and loan associations, heretofore or hereafter incorporated under the laws of this State, which do business outside the State, etc., and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

T. D. STEWART, Chairman.

The following leaves of absence were granted, to wit:

To Mr. Goldin for a few days on account of sickness; to Mr. Geiger for a few days on account of sickness; to Mr. Walker indefinitely, on account of sickness; Mr. Castleberry until Wednesday next, on important business.

By resolution of Mr. Thomason, the Hon. D. B. Nicholson was tendered a seat in the Senate.

The following bills of the House were read the first time, and referred, as indicated, to wit:

A bill to protect the State and counties thereof where public work is let out by bidding.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

A bill to amend section 815 of volume 3 of the Code of 1895.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

A bill to amend an act approved September 21, 1891, to fix the time for adjournment of Superior and City Courts of this State, so that the same shall not apply to any City Court having as many as six terms per year.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

A bill to abolish the City Court of Elbert county, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

A bill to change the time of holding McDuffie Superior Court.

Referred to Special Judiciary Committee.

A bill to provide an additional method of collecting purchase money notes for personalty, where the title to personalty is reserved by the vendor.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

A bill to re-enact an act to incorporate the Atlantic, Atlanta and Great Western Railroad and Navigation Company, approved September 22, 1887, and to amend said act.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

A bill to change the time of holding the Superior Court of Pike county.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

A bill to authorize the recording of bonds for titles to real estate.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

A bill to appropriate \$2,500 to meet a deficit incurred by the Board of Trustees of the Georgia School for the Deaf for the year ending September 30, 1896, etc.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Finance Banking Company, of Atlanta, Georgia, approved November 13, 1889.

Referred to the Committee on Banks.

A bill to make certain and provide for the payment of costs in civil cases in the County and the Justices' Courts of this State, etc.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

A bill to authorize the commissioners of the village of Summerville, in Richmond county, to provide for the registration of the qualified voters in said village.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

A bill to prescribe who are qualified to vote in all elections in the village of Summerville, in the county of Richmond.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

A bill to amend an act to establish a system of public schools in the town of Roswell, Cobb county.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

The resolution of the House authorizing the Governor to relinquish all claims of the State against the Blue Ridge and Atlantic Railroad.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

The following communication was received from his Excellency, the Governor, through Mr. Warren, his Secretary, to wit:

Mr. President:

I am directed by the Governor to deliver to the Senate a sealed communication, to which he respectfully invites the consideration of your honorable body, in executive session.

The Senate, on motion, went into executive session, and having spent some time therein, returned to open session.

Mr. Starr, of the Forty-third District, Chairman of the

Committee on Education, submitted the following report, to wit:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Education have had under consideration the following joint resolution of the House, and direct me to report the same, with recommendation that the same do pass, as amended:

A joint resolution, relative to the appointment of a School Book Commission, etc.

Respectfully submitted.

O. N. STARR, Chairman.

Mr. Starr, of the Forty-third District, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report, to wit:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Education have had under consideration the following Senate bill, which they direct me to report back, with the recommendation that the author be allowed to withdraw it:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the election, by the people, of the County School Commissioners of the various counties in this State, to prescribe their term of office, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

O. N. STARR, Chairman.

Mr. Shropshire, Chairman of the Special Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following House bills, and recommend me to report back that they do pass, as amended, to wit:

A bill entitled an act to incorporate the city of Monroe, in the county of Walton, and define its limits, and for other purposes.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the city of Fitzgerald, in Irwin county, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

WESLEY SHROPSHIRE, Chairman.

Mr. Brinson, of the Committee on Enrollment, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Enrollment have examined the following Senate resolution, and direct me to report the same as duly enrolled, and ready for the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate:

A resolution requesting the appointment of a joint committee of two from the Senate and three from the House, for the purpose of considering the report of the special attorney of the Western and Atlantic Railroad, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

E. L. BRINSON, Chairman.

Mr. Battle, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following bills of the Senate, to wit, and direct me to report the same back, with directions, as indicated:

A bill to be entitled an act to quiet the title of persons in possession, claiming title by prescription to ungranted lands, and for other purposes, which they direct me to report do pass, by substitute.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act declaring express companies, operating and doing business in this State, common carriers, and providing for their regulation and control by the Railroad Commissioners, which they direct me to report back, with the request that the same be read the second time, and recommitted to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to provide extra compensation for County Commissioners, Ordinaries or County Judges in counties operating under the new road law, and for other purposes, which they direct me to report, with the recommendation that the introducer be allowed to withdraw the same.

Respectfully submitted.

C. E. BATTLE, Chairman.

Mr. Redwine was excused from this day's session.

The resolution of the Senate extending sympathy to the Cubans, was taken up, under the report of the Committee on the State of the Republic.

The said committee reported in favor of its adoption, with certain amendments, which were agreed to.

The report was agreed to, and the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

A joint resolution of the House, relative to the appointment of a School-Book Commission, was read the second time.

The bill of the House to amend an act to incorporate the American Trust and Banking Company, approved August 29, 1889, etc., was read the second time, and passed to a third reading.

A joint resolution of the Senate, providing for the appointment of two additional Assistant Doorkeepers, was read the second time, and passed to a third reading.

Under a suspension of the rules, Mr. Turner introduced a bill to amend section 4067 of the Code of 1882, etc.

This bill was read the first time, and referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

On motion of Mr. Shropshire, the report of the Special Judiciary Committee on the bill of the House, to incorporate the city of Fitzgerald, in Irwin county, Georgia, was taken up.

The committee reported in favor of its passage, with certain amendments.

The amendments were adopted, and the report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time, and passed, as amended; ayes 25, nays 0.

Proof of legal notice was submitted.

On motion of Mr. Shropshire, the bill, as amended, was ordered to be immediately transmitted to the House.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Appropriations, on the resolution of the House authorizing the Governor to pay to the Trustees of the University of Georgia, a balance due on the appropriation made by the last General Assembly of Georgia to the State Normal School.

The report was agreed to.

The resolution was read the third time, and on the question of concurring in the same, the ayes and nays were recorded.

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Everett,	Stewart, 34th,
Battle,	Flewellen,	Turner,
Blalock,	Flynt,	Van Buren,
Brooke,	Golightly,	Walker, 40th,
Carter,	Hopkins,	Westmoreland,
Comas,	Kilpatrick,	Wooten.
Cook,	Starr,	Mr. President.
Dunwody,	Sewart, 27th,	

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Allen,	Ham,	Shropshire,
Brinson,	Hudson,	Stevens,
Castleberry,	Kemp,	Strother,
Culver,	Mann,	Thomson,

Geiger,	McFarland,	Walker, 18th,
Goldin,	Redwine,	Wilcox,
Gray,	Sheffield,	Witcher.

So the resolution was concurred in.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Appropriations on the joint resolution from the House providing for the indexing of the Journals of the House of Representatives and Senate for the sessions of 1896 and 1897

The report was agreed to.

The resolution was read the third time, and, on the question of concurring therewith, the ayes and nays were recorded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Flynt,	Stewart, 34th,
Battle,	Golightly,	Thomson,
Blalock,	Hopkins,	Turner,
Carter,	Kilpatrick,	Van Buren,
Cook,	Mann,	Walker, 40th,
Dunwody,	Shropshire,	Westmoreland,
Everett,	Starr,	Wilcox,
Flewellen,	Stewart, 27th,	Wooten.

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Allen,	Goldin,	Sheffield,
Brinson,	Gray,	Stevens,
Brooke,	Ham,	Strother,
Castleberry,	Hudson,	Walker, 18th,
Comas,	Kemp,	Witcher,
Culver,	McFarland,	Mr. President.
Geiger,	Redwine,	

So the resolution was concurred in.

The bill of the House to incorporate the city of Monroe, etc., in Walton county, was read the second time, and passed to a third reading.

Mr. Everett was granted leave of absence for a few days, on important business.

Mr. Stewart, of the Thirty-fourth District, was granted leave of absence until Tuesday at noon.

The Senate, having disposed of all business on the desk of the Secretary, adjourned, on motion, until 10 o'clock a.m. Monday.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Monday, November 30, 1896, 10 O'clock a.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by Senator Turner, of the Thirty-seventh District.

The call of the roll was, on motion, dispensed with.

Mr. Van Buren, Chairman of the Committee on Journals, reported the Journal correct.

It was then read and confirmed by the Senate.

The special order for this morning, immediately after reading the Journal, was taken up, and, on motion of Mr. Stewart, of the Twenty-seventh District, laid on the table, to wit:

A bill to prohibit the practice of law, medicine, dentistry, etc., in this State, without having paid the special tax, etc.

Mr. Brinson, Chairman of the Committee on Enrollment, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Enrollment have examined the following acts, and find them properly enrolled and ready for the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate, to wit:

An act to prohibit the municipal authorities of any incorporated town from levying or collecting any tax or license from traveling salesmen engaged in taking orders for sale of goods, where no delivery is made at the time of taking such orders.

Respectfully submitted.

E. L. BRINSON, Chairman.

On the call of the roll for the introduction of new matter, the following bills were introduced, read the first time, and referred as indicated, to wit:

By Mr. Carter—

A bill to equalize the burden of taxation, by providing means for assessing taxes on real estate held under bonds for titles, and for other purposes.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Culver—

A bill to provide for establishing public roads, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Roads.

By Mr. Walker of the Fortieth District—

A bill to provide where the stock law shall go into effect where any militia district in the future may adopt the stock law, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has concurred in the Senate amendment to the following House bill, to wit:

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Augusta, authorizing the city council to impose license taxes upon all occupations.

Also, a bill to incorporate the city of Fitzgerald.

The House has passed the following House bills by the constitutional majority, to wit:

A bill to appropriate the proceeds of the hire of convicts, in the counties of the Northern Judicial Circuit, to the payment of costs.

Also, a bill to repeal an act approved February 28, 1876, providing for the payment of costs from the hire of misdemeanor convicts.

Also, a bill to repeal an act to require Spalding county to pay the officers of court the costs now allowed from the hire of convicts in said county.

Also, a bill to amend an act approved December 1, 1886, to define the powers of the Commissioner of Pilotage.

Also, a bill to amend an act incorporating the town of Davisboro, in Washington county.

The House has also adopted the following joint resolution, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution to appropriate fifty dollars to the Atlanta Electric Railway Company.

Mr. Starr, Chairman pro tem. of Committee on Engrossing, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have examined the following engrossed bill, and find it correct and ready to be transmitted to the House, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to require the tax-collectors of this State to make monthly reports, under oath, of all taxes collected, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

O. N. STARR, Chairman pro tem.

Mr. Mann was permitted to withdraw a bill introduced by him to provide for additional compensation for County Commissioners, Ordinaries or County Judges, etc., in counties operating under the new road law, and for other purposes.

The following bill of the Senate was read the second time, and passed to a third reading, to wit:

A bill to quiet title of persons in possession, claiming title by prescription to ungranted lands, and for other purposes.

The following bill of the Senate was read the second time, and recommitted to the General Judiciary Committee, to wit:

A bill declaring express companies operating and doing business in this State, common carriers, and providing for their regulation and control by the Railroad Commissioners.

Under a suspension of the rules, the Senate took up the report of the General Judiciary Committee on the bill of the House, to amend section 1288 of the Code of 1882.

The committee reported in favor of its passage, by substitute, which was adopted.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time, and passed, as amended, by substitute; ayes 25, nays 2.

On motion of Mr. Stewart of the Twenty-seventh District, the rules were suspended, and the Senate took up the report of the Special Judiciary Committee on the bill of the House to incorporate the city of Monroe, in Walton county, etc., and for other purposes.

The committee reported in favor of its passage, with amendments, which were adopted.

Proof of legal notice was submitted.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time, and passed, as amended, ayes 26, nays 0.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on

Banks, on the bill of the House, to amend an act to incorporate the American Trust and Banking Company, approved August 29, 1889, and, also, an act amendatory thereof, approved December 20, 1890, etc.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time, and passed; ayes 23, nays 0.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed the following House bill, by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit:

A bill to amend an act incorporating the Monroe Banking, Loan and Guarantee Company.

The bill of the House, which was taken up for a third reading, under the report of the Committee on Banks, after being read the third time, was, on motion, laid on the table, to wit:

A bill to amend an act to regulate the business of building and loan associations, heretofore or hereafter incorporated under the laws of this State, etc.

The joint resolution of the Senate, providing for two additional Assistant Doorkeepers of the Senate, which was taken up for a third reading, was, on motion, laid on the table.

The following bills of the House were read the first time, and referred as indicated, to wit:

A bill to repeal an act approved February 28, 1876, providing that the insolvent costs of the Solicitor, mentioned in said amendatory act, shall be paid from funds realized from hiring out convicts of said County Court in Wilkes county.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

A bill to appropriate the hire of misdemeanor convicts, in the Northern Judicial Circuit, to the payment of costs accruing to officers, approved October 15, 1887, so as to exempt Wilkes county from the provisions of that act.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

A bill amending the charter of the town of Davisboro, in the county of Washington.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

A bill to repeal an act to require Spalding county to pay the officers of court the costs now allowed by law in each case convicted and worked in the chain-gang of said county.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

A bill to amend section 1 of an act approved December 1, 1886, to prescribe and define the powers of Commissioners of Pilotage for the ports of this State, etc.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

By general consent, Mr. Comas introduced a bill to repeal an act to establish a county court in and for the county of Appling, approved December 13, 1893, which was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

By general consent, Mr. Stevens withdrew a bill to amend section 1305 of the Code of 1882.

A joint resolution of the House to appropriate fifty dollars to the Atlanta Electric Railway Company was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By resolution of Mr. Wilcox, Mr. J. F. Hinson was invited to a seat in the Senate.

Mr. Flewellen was granted leave of absence until 11 o'clock a.m. Wednesday next.

Mr. Blalock was granted indefinite leave of absence, on important business.

The Senate, having disposed of all business on the Secretary's desk, adjourned, on motion, until 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Tuesday, December 1, 1896, 10 O'clock a.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

On the call of the roll, the following Senators answered to their names:

Atkinson,	Golightly,	Stewart, 27th,
Battle,	Gray,	Stewart, 34th,
Brinson,	Hopkins,	Thomson,
Brooke,	Hudson,	Turner,
Carter,	Kemp,	Van Buren,
Castleberry,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 40th,

Comas,
Cook,
Culver,
Dunwody,
Flynt,

Mann,
McFarland,
Starr,
Stevens,

Wilcox,
Witcher,
Wooten,
Mr. President.

Those absent were Messrs.—

Allen,
Blalock,
Everett,
Flewellen,
Geiger,

Goldin,
Ham,
Redwine,
Sheffield,

Shropshire,
Strother,
Walker, 18th,
Westmoreland.

Mr. Van Buren, Chairman of the Committee on Journals, reported the Journal correct.

It was then read and confirmed by the Senate.

The special order of the morning was taken up, to wit:

The motion to reconsider the bill of the Senate to define and punish the crime of stealing hogs, cattle, etc., of less value than \$20.00.

The motion to reconsider prevailed.

Mr. Battle, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following bills, which they direct me to report to the Senate, with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 4067 of the Code of 1882, prescribing for the disposition of writs of certiorari by the Superior Courts, so as to require the

judges of said courts to specify the error committed by the trial court when the case is sent back for a rehearing.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to amend an act approved September 21, 1887, to fix the time for adjournment of the Superior and City Courts of this State, so that the same shall not apply to any City Court having as many as six terms per year.

A bill to be entitled an act to protect the State and counties thereof, where work is let out by bidding.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the recording of bonds for titles to real estate.

They direct me to report the following bills, with recommendation that the same do not pass, to wit:

A bill to amend section 815 of volume 3 of the Code of Georgia of 1895.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to provide an additional method for collecting purchase money notes for personalty, where the title of personalty is reserved by the vendor.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to equalize the burdens of taxation by providing means for assessing taxes on real estate held under bond for title, and for other purposes.

They direct me to report the following bills back to the Senate, with request that they be recommitted to the Special Judiciary Committee, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to appropriate the proceeds from the hire of misdemeanor convicts, in the Northern Judicial Circuit, to the payment of costs accruing to officers, approved October 15, 1887, so as to exempt Wilkes county.

Also, a bill to repeal an act approved February 28, 1896, providing that the insolvent costs of the Solicitor, mentioned in said amending act, shall be paid from funds realized from hiring out convicts of said County Court in Wilkes county.

Respectfully submitted.

C. E. BATTLE, Chairman.

Mr. Kilpatrick, Chairman of Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following Senate bills, which they instruct me to report back, with the recommendation that the same be read the second time, and recommitted to the Committee on Railroads, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to enlarge the powers of the Railroad Commission of Georgia, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Railroad Commission of Georgia to compel the shipper or consignee, and others, to give evidence touching the violation of the law against granting or giving rebates, and for other purposes.

Also, House resolution No. 23, with recommendation that it do pass, to wit:

A resolution authorizing the Governor to relinquish all claims of the State against the Blue Ridge and Atlantic Railroad.

Respectfully submitted.

J. D. KILPATRICK, Chairman.

The following bills of the House, which were referred to the General Judiciary Committee, were recommitted to the Special Judiciary Committee, to wit:

A bill to repeal an act approved February 28, 1876, providing that the insolvent costs of the Solicitor, mentioned in said amendatory act, shall be paid from the funds realized from hiring out convicts of said County Court of Wilkes county.

Also, a bill to appropriate the proceeds from the hire of convicts in the Northern Judicial Circuit, to the payment of costs accruing to officers, approved October 15, 1887, so as to exempt Wilkes county from the provisions of that act.

Also, a bill to amend an act to establish a system of public schools in the town of Roswell, in Cobb county, etc.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed the following House bills, by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit:

A bill to amend section 943(a) of the Code of 1882.

Also, a bill to establish a system of public schools for the city of Moultrie.

Also, a bill to require Judges of the City and County Courts to write their charges in certain cases.

Also, a bill to amend an act providing for the registration of voters in this State.

Mr. Stewart, of the Twenty-seventh District, Chairman of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum, submitted the following report, which was adopted and one hundred copies thereof were ordered to be printed:

Mr. President:

Your committee on the Lunatic Asylum have visited that institution, and after a careful survey of the same, beg leave to report :

The buildings and grounds of the Asylum are in a good state of preservation. The internal condition of the walls and wards throughout the entire building are kept in perfect style, and are perfect in cleanliness, of which we cannot speak too highly. The order, system, and perfect control of the inmates speak in terms that are unmistakable of the ability and faithfulness of the employees to whose care the details of the establishment are necessarily to a large extent entrusted.

We find that the accommodations are now ample to accommodate the patients applying for admittance, which has not been so until within the last year. The trustees have erected a large additional building which has supplied additional room for the inmates that was badly needed; they have done so with the last appropriation for building more room; they have done so with the one hundred thousand dollars appropriated in 1893, and we think they deserve the commendation of the General Assembly for the economical way in which they have managed the appropriation for said building.

We examined into the finances of the institution, and are satisfied that the same have been administered during the past two years faithfully and economically. The system of bookkeeping is thorough, minute, exact, and easily understood, and every item of receipts and expenditures is prop-

erly verified by duplicate vouchers, which were exhibited to a sub-committee of our number, and their examination was perfectly satisfactory. A re-examination can be had at any time by going through the accounts and vouchers on file in the office of the Governor in the capitol building.

The accounts show a balance on hand on the 1st of September, 1896, of \$7,781.10.

This balance has been accumulated by reason of the fact that the expenses are less during the summer months, owing to a smaller consumption of fuel and lighter clothing, both for wearing and bedding, while the subsistence department is greatly aided by the vegetables from the farm and garden, so that the monthly outlay is considerably less than during the winter. But this balance will be entirely absorbed by the increased expenses of the winter months now upon us.

We believe that the amount of insurance carried on the property of the State at the Asylum is entirely too small for the value of the property, and we recommend that the amount of the policy of insurance be increased to such an amount as may be deemed proper by the Finance Committee, simply stating that the present policy, which we learn is \$260,000, is not equal to one-fourth of the value of the property insured, which is over \$1,000,000.

The farm, garden and dairy connected with the Asylum, we believe to be a fine adjunct for the same. Large quantities of beef, pork, milk, butter, potatoes, and vegetables are produced and furnished to the inmates and employees of the institution, adding much to the health and comfort of all. We are sorry to state that the supply of pork will be greatly diminished this winter by reason of the loss of a large number of hogs this year by cholera.

We find the medical staff of the State Lunatic Asylum to consist of a physician in charge and superintendent, Dr. T. O. Powell, aided by a capable and efficient staff of five

assistant physicians, viz.: J. M. Whittaker, M.D., first assistant physician; L. M. Jones, M.D., J. C. Patterson, M.D., W. A. O'Daniel, M.D., and T. E. Oertel, M.D., pathologist. The services of these physicians are so divided as to equalize the enormous duties imposed upon them, and at the same time to permit them to render the most efficient aid to those unfortunates directly placed under their charge. These assistant physicians are required to visit their patients twice daily, and as often in addition as the necessity of any case may require, at the same time to respond to any extra calls which may be made upon them at night.

The number of inmates at present in the institution is 2,013. It would seem, therefore, that even by an equal division of the work, all of them would be overtaxed in the discharge of their duties. But when it is remembered that a very large number of the inmates do not require other treatment than such moral treatment as may be suggested generally by the superintendent and his associates, it will be observed that there is no neglect of the sick.

The recent addition of a Bacteriological Department under the direction and control of Dr. T. E. Oertel, an experienced and skilful microscopist, has added greatly to the general welfare of the institution. Daily examinations of the *sputa* of patients, the urine excreted as to quantity and condition, as well as the examination and post-mortem specimens, will greatly add to the proper diagnosis and treatment of cases requiring treatment for diseases other than those arising from mental and nervous derangement. This department, although but recently established, the committee feel assured will greatly add to the better care of the inmates of the institution.

The Dispensary your committee found presided over immediately by a skilful and competent apothecary, Dr. A. G. North, upon inquiry of whom your committee

learned was called upon daily to dispense about sixty prescriptions. The expense of this department, your committee were informed, is about \$5,000 per year, which is a per capita of about five and one-half cents per diem.

Your committee made personal inspection of the food furnished, and are gratified to report that it was good in quality, well prepared, well cooked, and in every way satisfactory and wholesome. In addition to our personal inspection, repeated inquiries of the many inmates confirmed the accuracy of the opinion. The universal satisfaction of the inmates of the institution as expressed by themselves attest to their care and welfare, and your committee is pleased to report that they discovered no ground for complaint in any manner as to the management and care of these unfortunates, and we cannot close without commending in the highest terms the administrative and executive ability of the superintendent, Dr. T. O. Powell.

We recommend that the following appropriations be made :

For support and maintenance of the institution	
for the year 1897	\$280,000
For support and maintenance of the institution	
for the year 1898	290,000
For duplicate water main	5,000
All of which is respectfully submitted,	

J. A. STEWART,
Chairman Senate Committee.

Mr. Cook, from the sub-Committee of the Lunatic Asylum to inspect the Georgia Military and Agricultural College, submitted the following report:

Mr. President: .

The committee appointed to inquire into the claims of the Middle Georgia Military and Agricultural College, beg

leave to report that they have performed the duties imposed upon them, and beg leave to submit the following report:

1. The College was created under an act of 1879, and organized regularly under the terms of the act. Said organization being perfected by local Board and Trustees of State University, by a department of the State University.

2. That there was an implied *agrément* by the Trustees of the State University, under the terms of the act of 1879, that if the city of Milledgeville donated two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per annum for the payment of teachers, that there should be a department of the State University maintained by the State at Milledgeville. We find that the city has complied with said contract, and in addition erected a twelve thousand dollar (\$12,000) dormitory, which will have one hundred cadets.

3. We find that the property committed and lent by the State to the Trustees of the University was assessed and valued at fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000) at the time the Capitol was moved from Milledgeville, and that said property has been kept in good repair, the State having expended since said time five thousand dollars (\$5,000) in repairing the same, and that said property is now in better condition for school purposes than before.

Your committee is not able to determine the present market value of said property

4. We find that since the old Capitol building was destroyed by fire, the same has been rebuilt and remodeled, and is now in splendid condition for school purposes.

We find said college is efficient in its branches, and said college is now in a better condition to do efficient service to the State than ever before.

We also find that there is now between three and four hundred students in said college; a large number of said students being from the lower section of the State.

We therefore recommend that the State make an appropriation of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per annum, in order to maintain said college, believing this sum is necessary, in connection with the annual appropriation from the city of Milledgeville.

Respectfully submitted.

PHILIP COOK, Chairman.

The following bills of the House were read the first time, and referred, as indicated, to wit:

A bill to amend section 943(a) of the Code, and acts amendatory, etc.

Referred to the Committee on Banks.

Also, a bill to establish a system of public schools for the city of Moultrie.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Also, a bill requiring Judges of the City Courts and County Courts of this State to write out and read their charges to jurors in certain cases, etc.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also, a bill to amend an act to provide for the registration of voters in this State, etc.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Edu-

cation on the joint resolution of the House relative to the appointment of a School Book Commission, etc.

The committee reported in favor of concurring therewith, with amendments, which were adopted, and the report was agreed to.

The resolution was read the third time, and concurred in, as amended; ayes 24, nays 1.

The Senate took up the report of the General Judiciary Committee, on the bill of the Senate to prohibit the practice of law, medicine, dentistry, etc., in this State, without having paid the special tax required by law, to prescribe punishment for the same, and for other purposes.

The committee reported in favor of its passage, with an amendment, which was adopted, and the report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time, and passed, as amended; ayes 28, nays 0.

On motion of Mr. Dunwody, the bill of the Senate to quiet the title of persons in possession, claiming title by prescription to ungranted lands, and for other purposes, was laid on the table for the present.

The following bills of the Senate were withdrawn by the introducers thereof, to wit:

A bill to equalize the burden of taxation, by providing means for assessing taxes on real estate held under bond for title, and for other purposes. •

Also, a bill to establish a Board of Dental Examiners for the State of Georgia.

The following bills of the House were taken up under adverse report of the General Judiciary Committee, and lost, by agreement with said report, to wit:

A bill to provide an additional method for collecting purchase money notes for personalty where the title to personalty is reserved by the vendor.

Also, to amend section 815 of volume 3 of the Code of Georgia.

By general consent, the following bills were introduced, read the first time, and referred as indicated, to wit:

By Mr. Gray—

A bill to amend the last paragraph of section 918 of the Code, etc.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Starr—

A bill to authorize the town of Calhoun, in Gordon county, Georgia, to establish and maintain a system of public schools.

By Mr. Witcher—

A bill to require the nature of alcoholic drinks and narcotics, and their effects upon the human system, to be taught in the public schools.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill of the Senate to amend section 4067 of the Code, was read the second time, and passed to a third reading.

The bill of the Senate to authorize the Railroad Com-

mission of Georgia to compel shippers, consignees, etc., to give evidence in certain cases, etc.

Also, a bill to enlarge the powers of the Railroad Commission.

The following bills of the House were read the second time, and passed to a third reading, to wit:

A bill to authorize the recording of bonds for titles to real estate.

Also, a bill to protect the State and counties thereof when public work is let out by bidding.

Also, a bill to amend an act approved September 21, 1887, to fix the time for adjournment of Superior and City Courts of this State, so that the same shall not apply to any City Court having as many as six terms per year.

Also, a resolution of the House authorizing the Governor to relinquish all claims of the State against the Blue Ridge and Atlantic Railroad.

The reconsidered bill to define and punish the crime of stealing hogs and other domestic animals of less value than \$20.00, was taken up, and, on motion of Mr. Gray, laid on the table.

The Senate, having disposed of all business on the desk of the Secretary, adjourned, on motion, until 10 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Wednesday, December 2, 1896, 10 O'clock a.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, the President in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Senator Turner, of the Thirty-seventh District.

On the call of the roll, the following Senators answered to their names.

Allen,	Flynt,	Stewart, 27th,
Atkinson,	Goldin,	Stewart, 34th,
Battle,	Golightly,	Strother,
Blalock,	Gray,	Thomson,
Brinson,	Hopkins,	Turner,
Brooke,	Hudson,	Van Buren,
Carter,	Kemp,	Walker, 40th,
Castleberry,	Kilpatrick,	Westmoreland,
Comas,	Mann,	Wilcox,
Cook,	McFarland,	Witcher.
Culver,	Starr,	Wooten,
Dunwody,	Stevens,	Mr. President.
Everett,		

Those absent were Messrs.—

Flewellen,	Redwine,	Shropshire,
Geiger,	Sheffield,	Walker, 18th.
Ham,		

Mr. Van Buren, Chairman of the Committee on Journals, reported the Journal correct.

It was then read and confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed the following bills of the House, by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit:

A bill to appropriate twelve hundred dollars to fit up additional rooms for the Supreme Court.

The House has also adopted the following joint resolution, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution providing for the appropriation of one hundred and thirty dollars to pay the expenses of the inauguration.

Mr. Brinson, Chairman of the Enrolling Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Enrollment have examined and direct me to report as duly enrolled and ready for the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate and Speaker and Clerk of the House of Representatives, the following bill of the Senate, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to incorporate the Monroe Banking, Loan and Guarantee Company, and for other purposes, adopted October 22, 1887, and which was afterwards amended by changing the name of said bank to the "Bank of Forsyth," approved December 4, 1895, by giving said corporation additional powers, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

E. L. BRINSON, Chairman.

Leave of absence was granted Mr. Wilcox on account of the sickness of his wife.

The special order of the morning was taken up, to wit:

The adverse report of the General Judiciary Committee to the bill to amend paragraphs 2 and 3 of section 3 of article 6, paragraph 1 of section 11 of article 6 of the Constitution of this State, so as to provide for the election of Judges of the Superior Courts and Solicitors-General by the electors of their respective circuits.

Upon the question of agreeing to the adverse report of the Judiciary Committee, Mr. Hopkins demanded that the yeas and nays be recorded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Battle,	Kilpatrick,	Van Buren,
Brinson,	Shropshire,	Walker, 40th,
Cook,	Stevens,	Westmoreland,
Dunwody,	Thomson,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Flewellen,	McFarland,
Atkinson,	Flynt,	Starr,
Blalock,	Goldin,	Stewart, 27th.
Brooke,	Golightly,	Stewart, 34th,
Carter,	Gray,	Strother,
Castleberry,	Hopkins,	Turner,
Comas,	Hudson,	Witcher,
Culver,	Kemp,	Wooten.
Everett,	Mann,	

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Geiger,	Sheffield,	Wilcox,
Ham,	Walker, 18th,	Mr. President.
Redwine,		

Ayes 11. Nays 26. Not voting 7

So the adverse report was disagreed to, and the bill was passed to a third reading.

Mr. Battle offered the following resolutions, which were read the first time and referred to the Committee on Railroads, to wit:

A resolution requesting the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee to enact appropriate legislation authorizing the filing of certain official maps of the Western and Atlantic Railroad, in Hamilton county, Tennessee, and giving to the same, when so filed, the force and effect of a record of deeds to lands.

Also, a resolution authorizing the Atlanta, Knoxville and Northern Railway Company to acquire certain rights of way of the Western and Atlantic Railroad, in and near the city of Marietta.

Also, a resolution concurring in and adopting certain additional terms proposed by the city of Atlanta, affecting Wall Street, and certain property as the "triangle."

A resolution continuing in existence the Special Commission allowed under a joint resolution approved December 18, 1891, relative to the interests of the State in the Western and Atlantic Railroad.

Also, a resolution directing proceedings to be instituted for the recovery of part of the original depot grounds belonging to the State at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Mr. Westmoreland, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossing, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Engrossing Committee have examined and direct me to report as duly engrossed and ready to be transmitted to the House of Representatives, the following Senate bill, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the practice of law, medicine, dentistry, etc., in this State, without having

paid the special tax as required by law, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

G. F. WESTMORELAND, Chairman.

Mr. Golightly, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following bills, which they direct me to report back, with the recommendations hereinafter specified, to wit:

House bill No. 8, to amend the charter of the Georgia Empire Mutual Insurance Company, with recommendation that the same do pass.

Also, House bill No. 101, to incorporate the town of Plains, with recommendation that the same do pass, as amended.

Also, House bill No. 6, to provide for the election of their clerks by the Boards of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues, with recommendation that the same do not pass.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. GOLIGHTLY, Chairman.

Mr. Stewart, of the Thirty-fourth District, Chairman of the Committee on Banks, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Banks have had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me, as

Chairman, to report back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the same do pass:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Finance Banking Company, of Atlanta, Georgia, approved November 13, 1889.

Respectfully submitted.

T. D. STEWART, Chairman.

Mr. Brinson, Chairman of the Enrolling Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Enrollment have examined, and direct me to report the following bill of the Senate as duly enrolled, and ready to be signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate and Speaker and Clerk of the House of Representatives, to wit:

A bill to amend an act incorporating the Monroe Loan and Guarantee Company, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

E. L. BRINSON, Chairman.

Mr. Brinson, Chairman of the Enrolling Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Enrollment direct me to report the following House bill as duly enrolled and ready to be signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, to wit:

House bill No. 32, being a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the city of Fitzgerald, in Irwin county, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

E. L. BRINSON, Chairman.

Mr. Shropshire, Chairman of the Committee on Special Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following House and Senate bills, and instruct me to report back as follows, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Mayor and Council of the town of Millen to issue bonds to the amount of \$8,000, for the purpose of constructing and equipping an academy, or academies, for said town, and for other purposes.

That this bill be read the second time, and recommitted to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Commissioners of the village of Summerville, in Richmond county, to provide for the registration of the qualified voters in said village.

That this bill do pass, as amended.

Your committee also instruct me to report back that the following bills, which they have had under consideration, do pass, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act to require

Spalding county to pay the officers of the court the costs now allowed by law in each case convicted and worked in the chain-gangs of said county.

Also, a bill to change the time of holding McDuffie Superior Court, and for other purposes.

Also, an act entitled an act changing the time of holding the fall term of Pike Superior Court, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

WESLEY SHROPSHIRE, Chairman.

Mr. Starr, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following House bill, and instruct me to report back that it do pass, as amended, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to establish a system of public schools in the town of Roswell, Cobb county, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

O. N. STARR, Chairman.

On the call of the roll for the introduction of new matter, the following bills were introduced, read the first time, and referred as indicated, to wit:

By Mr. Blalock—

A bill to authorize the State School Commissioner to

grant permanent license to such normal graduates of the Normal and Industrial College, at Milledgeville, as in the judgment of the State School Commissioner may be entitled to the same.

Referred to the Committee on Common Schools.

By Mr. Brinson—

A bill to require claimants of real estate levied on under execution or seized under other legal process to file with the claim affidavit and damage bond, an abstract of the title upon which said claimants rely, etc.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Thomson—

A bill to amend section 2385 of the Code of 1882, etc.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Comas—

A bill to establish the City Court of Baxley, in Appling county.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also, by Mr. Comas—

A bill to amend the charter of Baxley, and provide a free school system therefor.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

The bill of the House to appropriate the sum of \$1,200 to be used in furnishing additional rooms for Justices and officers of the Supreme Court, was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The joint resolution of the House providing for the appropriation of \$130.00 to defray the expenses of the recent inaugural ceremonies, was read the first time, and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Senate adjourned, on motion, until 10 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Thursday, December 3, 1896, 10 O'clock a.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

On the call of the roll, the following Senators answered to their names:

Allen,	Flewellen,	Stevens,
Atkinson,	Flynt,	Stewart, 27th,
Battle,	Goldin,	Stewart, 34th,
Blalock,	Golightly,	Strother,
Brinson,	Gray,	Thomson,
Brooke,	Hopkins,	Turner,
Carter,	Hudson,	Van Buren,
Castleberry,	Kemp,	Walker, 40th,
Comas,	Kilpatrick,	Westmoreland,
Cook,	Mann,	Witcher,
Culver,	McFarland,	Wooten.
Dunwody,	Shropshire,	Mr. President.
Everett,	Starr,	

Those absent were Messrs.—

Geiger,	Redwine,	Walker, 18th,
Ham,	Sheffield,	Wilcox.

Mr. Van Buren, from the Committee on Journals, reported the Journal correct.

It was then read and confirmed by the Senate.

By resolution of Mr. Cook, the ex-Senator, Hon. Wm. W. Osborne, was invited to a seat in the Senate during his stay in this city.

Mr. Blalock, of the Thirty-fifth District, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Finance have had under consideration the following House resolution, which they instruct me, as Chairman, to report back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the same do pass:

A joint resolution providing for the appropriation of the sum of one hundred and thirty dollars to defray the expenses of the recent inaugural ceremonies.

Your Committee on Finance have had under consideration the following Senate bills, which they instruct me, as Chairman, to report back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the same do not pass:

A bill to be entitled an act to reduce, fix and regulate the salaries of the Governor of this State, the Judges of the Supreme Court, the Judges of the Superior Courts, and the Attorney-General of this State, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to reduce, fix and regulate the salaries of the Treasurer, Secretary of State, Comptroller-General, Commissioner of Agriculture, and the per diem of the members of the General Assembly of this State.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to declare null and void all obligations and contracts which may be made payable

in any specific character of money, whether the same be in coin or otherwise.

Respectfully submitted.

A. C. BLALOCK, Chairman.

Mr. Blalock, of the Thirty-fifth District, Chairman of the Finance Committee, submitted the following report:

The committee to which was referred the question of the delayed payment of teachers' salaries, beg leave to report that an investigation of the condition of the State Treasury discloses the fact that within a week or ten days (by reason of the receipts—based on last year's returns—which averaged at this time over \$10,000 per day), the Treasurer will be in a position to enable him to pay the amount due teachers, which is \$310,000.

The present condition of the Treasury is as follows:

Balance in Treasury	\$407 000
Due Lunatic Asylum	\$ 20 000
Due outstanding bonds.	35 000
Due advances to civil estimates.	15 000
Due advances to legislation.	25 000
Interest due.	5 000
Other expenses	4 000—104 000
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Actual available balance.	.\$303 000
Amount due on Teachers' Warrant	310 000
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Deficit	\$ 7 000

In consequence of this condition, which insures the early payment of this amount, the committee deem it inexpedient to recommend any action whatever.

Respectfully submitted.

A. C. BLALOCK, Chairman.

Mr. Battle, Chairman of General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Senate General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following Senate bill, which they direct me to report, with recommendation that the same do pass, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the last paragraph of section 918 of the Code of 1882, so as to reduce the amount of the bond required of Tax-Receiver in this State, to one fourth of the amount of the State tax of the county for which he receives tax returns.

They direct me to report the following House bill, with recommendation that the same do pass, by substitute, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to make certain and provide for the payment of costs in civil cases, in the County Courts and the Justices Courts of this State, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

C. E. BATTLE, Chairman.

Mr. Stevens, of the Eleventh District, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Appropriations have had under consideration the following House bills, which they instruct me, as Chairman, to report back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the same do pass:

An act to appropriate the sum of twelve hundred dollars to be used in furnishing additional rooms for the accommodation of the Justices and officers of the Supreme Court.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to appropriate twenty-five hundred dollars to meet a deficit incurred by the Board of Trustees of the Georgia School for the Deaf, for the year ending September 30, 1896, by reason of a large increase in the number of pupils.

Also, a resolution to appropriate fifty dollars to the Atlanta Electric Railway Company.

Respectfully submitted.

O. B. STEVENS, Chairman.

Mr. Starr, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following Senate bills, which they instruct me to report back, with the recommendation that they do pass, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the town of Calhoun, in Gordon county, Georgia, to establish and main-

tain a system of public schools for said town, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to require the nature of alcoholic drinks, and narcotics, and their effects upon the human system, to be taught in public schools of this State, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

O. N. STARR, Chairman.

Mr. Golightly, Chairman of Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration House bill No. 136, to prescribe who are qualified to vote in all elections in the village of Summerville, and I am instructed by the committee to report the same back, with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. GOLIGHTLY, Chairman.

Mr. Atkinson, Chairman of the Committee on Temperance, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Temperance Committee have had under consideration the following Senate bill, which they direct me to report back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the same do pass:

A bill to be entitled an act to abolish bar-rooms, to pro-

hibit the manufacture, sale and keeping for sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes, and for other purposes.

They direct me to report the following Senate bill back, with recommendation that the same do pass, as amended:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the sale of any intoxicating, fermented or distilled liquors in this State, in less quantities than one pint, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

A. ATKINSON, Chairman.

The Senate took up the report of the General Judiciary Committee on the bill of the Senate to amend section 4067 of the Code of 1882, providing for the disposition of writs of certiorari by the Superior Courts, etc.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time, and passed, ayes 25, nays 0.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the bill of the Senate to amend paragraphs 2 and 3 of section 3 of article 6, paragraph 1 of section 11 of article 6 of the Constitution of this State, etc., was laid on the table.

The following minority report, from the Committee on Temperance, was submitted:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Temperance have had under consideration the following Senate bills, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to abolish barrooms, to prohibit the manufacture, sale and keeping of intoxicating liquors, for beverage purposes, etc.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the sale of any intoxicating, fermented or distilled liquors in this State, in less quantities than one pint, and prohibit the drinking or use of the same on the premises where sold, etc.

Which said bills were reported back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the same do pass.

We, the undersigned, members of the Committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit this, a minority report, and recommend that the Senate bills above referred to do not pass.

Respectfully submitted.

C. E. BATTLE,
WESLEY SHROPSHIRE,
P. H. COMAS,
C. H. MANN,
W. F. GOLDIN.

The following bills of the House were taken up for a third reading, under favorable reports of committees.

The reports were agreed to.

The bills were read the third time, and passed, by constitutional majorities, as severally indicated, to wit:

A bill to protect the State and counties thereof when public work is let out by bidding.

Ayes 24, nays 0.

A bill to amend an act approved September 21, 1887, to fix the time for adjournment of Superior and City Courts of this State, so that the same shall not apply to any City Court having as many as six terms per year.

Ayes 27, nays 0.

A bill to authorize the recording of bonds for titles to real estate.

Ayes 24, nays 0.

A resolution from the House was taken up, under favorable report of the Committee on Railroads, to wit:

A resolution authorizing the Governor to relinquish all claims of the State against the Blue Ridge and Atlantic Railroad.

The resolution was read the third time, and concurred in, ayes 30, nays 0.

By resolution of Mr. Everett, Hon. T. R. Fort was invited to a seat in the Senate.

The following message was received from his Excellency, the Governor, through his Private Secretary, Mr. Callaway:

Mr President:

I am directed by the Governor to deliver to the General Assembly a communication in writing.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr President:

The House has passed the following bills of the House, by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit:

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Macon.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the city of Dalton.

The following message was received from his Excellency, the Governor, through his Secretary, Mr Warren, to wit:

Mr. President:

I am directed by the Governor to deliver to the Senate a sealed communication, to which he respectfully invites the consideration of your honorable body, in executive session.

The Senate took up the adverse report of the General Judiciary Committee on the bill of the Senate to declare null and void all obligations and contracts which may be made payable in any specific character of money, whether the same be in coin or otherwise.

On the question of agreeing to the report of the committee the ayes and nays were recorded.

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Battle,	Gray,	Stewart, 27th,
Blalock,	Ham,	Stewart, 34th,
Comas,	Hopkins,	Thomson,
Cook,	Hudson,	Van Buren,
Dunwody,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 40th,
Everett,	Starr,	Westmoreland,
Golightly,	Stevens,	Witcher.

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Culver,	Mann,
Atkinson,	Flewellen,	McFarland,
Brinson,	Flynt,	Strother,
Brooke,	Goldin,	Turner,
Carter,	Kemp,	Wooten.
Castleberry,		

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Geiger,
Redwine,
Sheffield,

Shropshire,
Walker, 18th,

Wilcox,
Mr. President.

Ayes 21. Nays 16. Not voting 7

So the adverse report was agreed to, and the bill was, therefore, lost.

Executive Department,
Atlanta, Georgia, December 3, 1896.

To the General Assembly:

It becomes my melancholy duty to inform the General Assembly that Hon. R. U. Hardeman, member of the House of Representatives from the county of Newton, died at his home in Oxford, Georgia, at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. His funeral will take place to-morrow at 12 o'clock. This information is communicated to the General Assembly in order that they may take such action in reference to the sad event as they may desire.

W. Y. ATKINSON, Governor.

The foregoing message was taken up, and read.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has adopted the following joint resolution, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution upon the death of the Hon. R. U. Hardeman, of Newton county, That the General Assembly ad-

jour on Friday, December 4th, out of respect for the lamented member of the House.

The resolution from the House on the death of the Hon. R. U. Hardeman, of the county of Newton, was taken up, read and concurred in by a rising vote.

The President appointed as the Committee of the Senate to attend the funeral of the Hon. R. U. Hardeman: Messrs. J. A. Stewart, Gray, Battle, Dunwoody, Flewellen, Cook, Stewart, Kilpatrick, Stevens, and Kemp.

Mr. Stewart, of the Twenty-seventh District, offered the following resolution, which was read and agreed to, to wit:

A joint resolution, by Mr. Stewart, of the Twenty-seventh District:

Whereas, Our heavenly Father, in the dispensation of his providence, has removed from this life the Honorable Robert U. Hardeman, Representative from the county of Newton, in the General Assembly of this State, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That in the death of Representative Hardeman Georgia has sustained an irreparable loss, and each member of the General Assembly a true and tried friend.

Resolved further, That we recall with admiration and pride the ability, the zeal and the loyalty with which our distinguished deceased friend served the commonwealth in the high and responsible position of State Treasurer.

Resolved further, That we refer with melancholy interest to the record of usefulness to the State our beloved friend had begun to make in the term of Representative so recently conferred on him by an admiring constituency.

Resolved further, That in every walk in life, in the quietude of a happy home, and in the midst of the busy throng, Robert U. Hardeman proved himself worthy of the confidence of the people, and demonstrated, in an unostentatious manner, that he was by title a Christian gentleman, a patriot and a friend.

Resolved further, That we tender to his stricken and sorrowing family our heartfelt sympathies in the sad affliction which has come to them.

But they need not sorrow as those without hope.

Leave of absence was granted, for Saturday's session, on account of sickness in his family, Mr. Everett until Monday next; Mr. Comas, for Saturday, on important business; Mr. Flynt, for Saturday; Mr. Kilpatrick, for Saturday, and Mr. Wooten, for the balance of this week.

Under permission of the Senate, the following bills were introduced, read the first time, and referred as indicated, to wit:

By Mr. Brinson—

A bill to change the time of holding the Superior Court of Burke county, etc.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Thompson—

A bill to require all claimants of land sold under transferred wild land tax fi. fas., or under insufficient advertisement of transferred or untransferred wild land tax fi. fas., prior to the first day of January, 1880, to bring suit for

such land within twelve months, and to provide for the manner of bringing such suits, etc.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Golightly—

A bill to repeal an act to fix the compensation of the County Treasurer of Meriwether county, approved February 19, 1876, and to provide for the compensation of the County Treasurer of Meriwether county, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Brinson, Chairman of the Enrolling Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Enrollment have examined the following acts, and find them properly enrolled, and ready for the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate, to wit:

An act to repeal an act to make permanent the site of the public buildings of the county of Walton, at Monroe, and for other purposes.

Also, an act to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of Walton, etc.

Also, an act to incorporate the city of Monroe, in the county of Walton, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

E. L. BRINSON, Chairman.

Mr. Kilpatrick, Chairman of the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Railroads have had under consideration the following Senate resolutions, which they direct me to report back, with the recommendation that the same be read a second time, and recommitted to said committee, to wit:

Resolution No. 14, requesting the General Assembly of Tennessee to enact appropriate legislation authorizing the filing of certain official maps of the Western and Atlantic Railroad, etc.

Also, a resolution authorizing the Atlanta, Knoxville and Northern Railway Company to acquire certain rights, etc.

Also, a resolution concurring in and adopting additional terms proposed by the city of Atlanta affecting Wall Street, etc.

Also, a resolution directing proceedings to be instituted for the recovery of part of the original depot grounds belonging to the State, at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Also, a resolution continuing in existence the Special Commission, allowed under a joint resolution approved December 10, 1894.

Respectfully submitted.

J. D. KILPATRICK, Chairman.

The resolutions set forth in the foregoing report were read the second time, and recommitted.

Mr. Golightly, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following House bill, and instruct me to report back that same be read the second time and recommitted to Committee on Corporations, to wit:

A bill to re-enact an act to incorporate the Atlantic, Atlanta and Great Western Railroad and Navigation Company, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. GOLIGHTLY, Chairman.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Appropriations on the resolution of the Senate recognizing the appointment of two Assistant Doorkeepers of the Senate.

The report was agreed to.

The resolution was read the third time, and agreed to; ayes 26, nays 0.

The Senate took up the report of the Appropriations Committee on the joint resolution of the House to pay the Clerk of the Pardons Commission.

The committee reported in favor of concurring therein, with an amendment, which was adopted, and the report was agreed to.

The ayes and nays were recorded.

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Gray,	Stewart, 27th.
Battle,	Ham,	Stewart, 34th,
Brinson,	Hopkins,	Strother,
Comas,	Kilpatrick,	Thomson,
Cook,	Mann,	Turner,
Everett,	McFarland,	Van Buren,
Flewellen,	Shropshire,	Westmoreland,
Flynt,	Starr,	Witcher,
Goldin,	Stevens,	Wooten.
Golightly,		

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Carter,	Kemp,	Walker, 40th.
Castleberry,		

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Allen,	Dunwody,	Sheffield,
Blalock,	Geiger,	Walker, 18th,
Brooke,	Hudson,	Wilcox,
Culver,	Redwine,	Mr. President.

Ayes 28. Nays 4. Not voting 12.

So the resolution was concurred in.

The bill of the Senate to fix and regulate salaries of the Treasurer, Secretary of State, Comptroller-General, Commissioner of Agriculture, and the per diem of members of the General Assembly, was taken up, under adverse report of the Finance Committee.

On the question of agreeing to the adverse report, Mr. Goldin required the ayes and nays to be recorded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Flewellen,	Stewart, 27th,
Battle,	Flynt,	Stewart, 34th,
Blalock,	Golightly,	Strother,
Brinson,	Gray,	Thomson,

Brooke,	Hopkins,	Turner,
Carter,	Hudson,	Van Buren,
Comas,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 40th,
Cook,	Mann,	Westmoreland.
Culver,	McFarland,	Witcher,
Dunwoody,	Shropshire,	Wooten,
Everett,	Starr,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Goldin,	Kemp,
Castleberry,		

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Geiger,	Sheffield,	Wilcox,
Ham,	Stevens,	Mr. President.
Redwine,	Walker, 18th,	

Ayes 32. Nays 4. Not voting 8.

So the adverse report was agreed to, and the bill was lost.

The following bills of the House were read the second time, and passed to a third reading, to wit:

A bill to amend the charter of the Georgia Empire Mutual Insurance Company.

Also, a bill to amend an act to incorporate the Finance Banking Company, of Atlanta, Georgia, approved November 13, 1889.

Also, a bill to make certain and provide for the payment of costs in civil cases, in the County Courts and the Justices Courts of this State.

Also, a bill to incorporate the town of Plains in the county of Sumter.

Also, a bill to amend an act to establish a system of public schools in the town of Roswell, Cobb county

Also, a bill to appropriate the sum of \$1,200 in furnishing additional rooms for the Justices and officers of the Supreme Court.

Also, a bill to prescribe who are qualified to vote in all elections in the village of Summerville, in Richmond county.

Also, a bill to authorize the Commissioners of the village of Summerville, in Richmond county, to provide for the registration of the qualified voters in said village.

Also, a bill to appropriate \$2,500 to meet a deficit incurred by the Board of Trustees of the Georgia School for the Deaf, for the year ending September 30, 1896, by reason of a large increase in the number of pupils.

Also, a bill to change the time of holding the fall term of Pike Superior Court.

Also, a bill to change the time of holding McDuffie Superior Court.

Also, a bill to repeal an act to require Spalding county to pay the officers of court the costs now allowed by law in each case convicted and worked in the chain-gang of said county.

Also, a bill to re-enact an act to incorporate the Atlantic, Atlanta and Great Western Railroad and Navigation Company.

Also, a resolution to appropriate \$50.00 to the Atlanta Electric Railway Company.

Also, a resolution providing for the appropriation of \$130.00 to defray expenses of recent inaugural ceremonies.

The following bill of the House to amend the charter of the city of Macon was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Banks on the bill of the House to regulate the business of building and loan associations, etc.

The committee reported in favor of its passage, with amendments, which were adopted.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time, and passed, as amended; yeas 39, nays 0.

The adverse report of the Finance Committee was taken up, and agreed to, on the bill to reduce and regulate the salaries of the Governor, the Judges of the Superior Courts, and the Attorney-General.

The adverse report was agreed to, and the bill was, therefore, lost.

The following bills of the Senate were read the second time, and passed to a third reading, to wit:

A bill to abolish barrooms, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to authorize the town of Calhoun, in Gordon county, to establish and maintain a system of public schools.

Also, a bill to require the nature of alcoholic drinks, etc., to be taught in the public schools.

Also, a bill to amend the last paragraph of section 918 of the Code of 1882.

Also, a bill to prohibit the sale of any intoxicating, fermented or distilled liquors in this State, in less quantities than one pint.

Also, a bill to authorize the Mayor and Council of the town of Millen to issue bonds to the amount of \$8,000, etc.

The Senate, on motion, adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. Monday next.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Monday, December 7, 1896, 10 O'clock a.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, the President pro tem. in the chair.

Prayer was offered.

On the call of the roll, the following Senators answered to their names:

Allen,	Golightly,	Stewart, 27th,
Battle,	Gray,	Strother,
Brinson,	Ham,	Thomson,
Brooke,	Hopkins,	Turner,
Carter,	Hudson,	Van Buren,
Castleberry,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 18th,
Comas,	Mann,	Walker, 40th,
Cook,	McFarland,	Westmoreland,
Culver,	Redwine,	Wilcox,
Dunwody,	Sheffield,	Witcher,
Geiger,	Starr,	Mr. President.
Goldin,	Stevens,	

Those absent were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Flewellen,	Shropshire,
Blalock,	Flynt,	Stewart, 34th,
Everett,	Kemp,	Wooten.

Mr. Thomson, from the Committee on Journals, reported the Journal correct.

It was then read and confirmed by the Senate.

Mr. Dunwody moved a reconsideration of House bill to provide for recording bonds for title to real estate.

On his motion, the proposition to reconsider was made the special order for to-morrow morning, immediately after the reading of the Journal.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed the following House bills, by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit:

A bill to prescribe regulations for conducting the business of the Supreme Court after January 1, 1897

Also, a bill to amend an act to protect game in this State.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the town of Oakland City.

Also, a bill to incorporate the town of Mitchell, in Glascock county.

Also, a bill to amend section 1656 of the Code of 1882, so as to make women eligible to the office of State Librarian.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the city of Atlanta.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of Battle Hill.

Also, a bill to provide for compensation of election managers.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of Whigham, in Decatur county.

Also, a bill to change the present corporate limits of Americus, so as to exclude Leeton Park.

Also, a bill to enlarge the corporate limits of Albany, in Dougherty county.

Also, a bill to amend an act approved October 3, 1895, to control the convicts of Bibb county, to provide for the control of certain convicts by the Board of County Commissioners.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the town of Barnesville, in Pike county, providing for a system of public schools.

Also, a bill to fix the bond of the Treasurer of Richmond county.

The House has also adopted the following resolutions, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution to appoint a committee to visit the Tennessee Centennial Exposition.

Also, a resolution to examine into and report the amounts received by the State University from the Federal Government.

Also, a resolution appointing a joint committee to attend the Commencement exercises of the University in 1897

Also, a resolution that the portrait of General Lee, do-

nated by Camp 159 United Confederate Veterans, be accepted and appropriately placed in the State Library.

Also, a resolution to pay Mrs. R. U. Hardeman the per diem of Hon. R. U. Hardeman for the full session of 1896.

The House has concurred in the Senate substitute, with an amendment, to the following House bill, to wit:

A bill to amend section 1288 of the Code of 1882.

Mr. Brinson, Chairman of the Committee on Enrollment, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Enrollment have examined the following acts, and find them properly enrolled and ready for the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate, to wit:

A joint resolution authorizing the Governor to pay to the Trustees of the University of Georgia a balance due on the appropriations made by the last General Assembly of Georgia to the State Normal School.

A resolution requesting the appointment of a joint committee of two from the Senate and three from the House, for the purpose of considering the report of the Special Attorney of the Western and Atlantic Railroad, and for other purposes.

Also, a resolution providing for the indexing of the Journals of the House of Representatives and Senate for the sessions of 1896 and 1897.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of

the city of Augusta, by authorizing the City Council of Augusta to impose license taxes upon all occupations, etc., by residents and non-residents, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to define the powers of the Recorder of the City of Augusta as to fines and penalties to be imposed by him for violations of the rules, regulations, etc.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Supreme Court to appoint three additional shorthand writers, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to incorporate the American Trust and Banking Company, approved August 29, 1889, and, also, an act amendatory thereof, approved December 20, 1890.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the municipal authorities of any incorporated town from levying or collecting any tax or license from any traveling salesman engaged in taking orders for goods, where no delivery is made at the time of taking such orders, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

E. L. BRINSON, Chairman.

Mr. Starr, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Mr President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following bill, and instruct me to report back, with the recommendation that the same do pass, as amended, to wit:

A bill to establish a system of public schools for the city of Moultrie, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

O. N. STARR, Chairman.

Mr. Golightly, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Corporations have had under consideration the following House bill, which they direct me to report to the Senate, with the recommendation that the same do pass, as amended:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the city of Elberton, in Elbert county, to change the name of the town of Elberton to the City of Elberton, and for other purposes.

Also, the following bill of the Senate, which they direct me to report, with recommendation that the same do pass:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Ordinary of the county of Appling to issue bonds, and providing for the issuing of the same.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. GOLIGHTLY, Chairman.

By resolution of Mr. Comas, the Hon. S. R. Harris, of the county of Wayne, was invited to a seat in the Senate.

Mr. Geiger, by general consent, withdrew a bill to provide for the election by the people of County School Commissioners.

On the call of the roll, the following bills were introduced, read the first time, and referred as indicated, to wit:

By Mr. Carter—

A bill requiring to name election managers and clerks at the voting precincts of this State, each political party that has a ticket in the field to be voted for, etc.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Redwine—

A bill to establish a City Court in the county of Jackson, etc.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also, a bill to allow land condemned for road purposes to be paid for.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

A bill to repeal an act to establish City Courts in counties having a population of 15,000 or more, etc., and acts amendatory thereof, so far as the same affects the county of Jackson, and for other purposes.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Stewart of the Twenty-seventh District—

A bill to amend the Acts of 1889 (page 58), section 2, "Trustees and Officers State Lunatic Asylum."

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Walker of the Fortieth District (by request)—

A bill to regulate and authorize city municipalities to grant the use of streets to any railroad or other corporation.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

By resolution of Mr. Dunwody, Capt. Duncan Wright, of Brunswick, and Capt. T. S. Davis of Fernandina, Florida, were invited to seats in the Senate.

The following bills of the House were read the first time, and referred, as indicated, to wit:

A bill to prescribe regulations for conducting the business of the Supreme Court on and after the first day of January, 1897, etc.

Referred to the Committee on Relief of the Supreme Court.

Also, a bill to amend an act for the protection of game.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of Battle Hill, etc.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also, a bill to provide compensation for election managers and clerks in the county of Wilkes.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the city of Atlanta.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also, a bill to incorporate the town of Mitchell, in the county of Glascock.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the town of Oakland City, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also, a bill to amend, revise and alter the several acts incorporating the town of Whigham, in the county of Decatur.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the city of Dalton, approved October 5, 1885, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also, a bill to fix the bond of the Treasurer of Richmond county.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also, a bill to alter and amend the charter of the town of Barnesville.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also, a bill to amend an act approved October 30, 1885, entitled an act to control certain convicts in the county of Bibb, etc., and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public roads.

A bill to change the present corporate limits of the city of Americus, etc.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

A bill to enlarge the corporate limits of the city of Albany.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also, a bill to amend section 1656 of the Code of 1882, etc.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

The joint resolution from the House to pay Mrs. R. U. Hardeman the per diem of Hon. R. U. Hardeman, deceased, for the year 1896, was taken up, on motion of Mr. Stewart, of the Twenty-seventh District, and concurred in.

The resolution of the House relating to the presentation of a portrait of General Robt. E. Lee, etc.

This resolution was read and concurred in.

A resolution of the House to appoint a committee to visit the Tennessee Centennial Exposition, at Nashville, Tenn.

The same was concurred in, and the following were appointed as the Committee on the part of the Senate, to wit: Honorables R. L. Berner, President, Blalock, Shropshire, Stewart of the Thirty-fourth District, Flewellen.

The resolution of the House providing a committee of seven from the House and three from the Senate, to examine into and report upon the amounts received by the University from the Federal government, was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

The resolution of the House providing for a committee to attend the Commencement exercises of the University in 1897 was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Westmoreland, Chairman of Committee on Engrossing, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have examined, and find properly engrossed and ready to be transmitted to the House, the following bill, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 4067 of the Code of 1882, and for other purposes.

Also, the following resolution:

A resolution providing for the appointment of two Assistants by the Doorkeeper for the floor of the Senate.

Respectfully submitted.

G. F. WESTMORELAND, Chairman.

Mr. Golightly, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following bill, which they instruct me to report back, with the recommendation that the introducer be allowed to withdraw the same, to wit:

A bill to amend the charter of the town of Quitman, so as to authorize the Mayor and Aldermen of said town to

maintain a dispensary for the sale of ardent spirits, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

J F GOLIGHTLY, Chairman.

The following bills of the House were read the second time, and passed to a third reading, to wit :

A bill to incorporate the city of Elberton, in Elbert county, etc.

Also, a bill to establish a system of public schools for the city of Moultrie.

The bill of the Senate to authorize the Ordinary of Appling county to issue jail bonds, etc., was read the second time, and passed to a third reading.

Mr. Hopkins, by general consent, withdrew a bill to amend the charter of the town of Quitman, etc.

The joint resolution of the House providing for the appropriation of one hundred and thirty dollars to defray the expenses of the recent inaugural ceremonies was read the third time, and, on motion of Mr. Dunwody, laid on the table.

The joint resolution of the House to appropriate fifty dollars to the Atlanta Electric Railway Company.

The report was agreed to.

The resolution was read the third time, and on the question of its passage, the ayes and nays were recorded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Goldin,	Stewart, 27th,
Atkinson,	Golightly,	Strother,
Battle,	Gray,	Thomson,
Brinson,	Ham,	Turner,
Brooke,	Hopkins,	Van Buren,
Carter,	Hudson,	Walker, 18th,
Castleberry,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 40th,
Comas,	Mann,	Westmoreland,
Culver,	Redwine,	Wilcox,
Dunwody,	Starr,	Witcher,
Geiger,		

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Blalock,	Kemp,	Stevens,
Cook,	McFarland,	Stewart, 34th,
Everett,	Sheffield,	Wooten.
Flewellen,	Shropshire,	Mr. President.
Flynt,		

Ayes 31. Nays 0. Not voting 13.

So the resolution was concurred in.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on General Judiciary on the bill of the House to make certain and provide for the payment of costs in civil cases in the County and Justice Courts of this State, etc.

The committee reported in favor of its passage by substitute.

The substitute was adopted, and the report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, as amended, by substitute, ayes 24, nays 0.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Banks on the bill of the House to amend an act to incorporate The Finance Banking Company, of Atlanta, Georgia, approved November 13, 1889.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time, and passed, ayes 23, nays 0.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Corporations on the bill of the House to amend the charter of the Georgia Empire Mutual Insurance Company.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time, and passed; ayes 23, nays 0.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Corporations on the bill of the House to incorporate the town of Plains.

Proof of legal publication was submitted.

The committee reported in favor of its passage, with amendments.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, as amended, ayes 27, nays 0.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Education on the bill of the House to amend an act to establish a public school system for the town of Roswell, in Cobb county.

Proof of legal notice was submitted.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, ayes 29, nays 0.

On motion of Mr. Turner, the bill of the Senate to abol-

ish barrooms, etc., was made the special order for Thursday next, immediately after the reading of the Journal.

On further motion of Mr. Turner, the bill of the Senate to prohibit the sale of any intoxicating, fermented or distilled liquor, in this State, in less quantities than one pint, etc., was made the special order immediately following the Anti-Barroom bill.

The following Senators were granted leave of absence, to wit: Mr. Hudson, for to-morrow; Mr. Brinson, for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; Messrs. Atkinson and Witcher, for two days, to visit a penitentiary camp.

Senators Starr, Hopkins, Ham, Dunwody and Battle, introduced the following privileged resolution, which was read, amended by inserting the words "in writing," after the word "body," in the seventh line from the last, and agreed to, as amended:

Whereas, Heretofore, to wit: On the 2d day of December, while the bill of Senator Hopkins, seeking to so amend the Constitution as to require the election of Judges and Solicitors-General by the people, was under discussion, Senator Carter, from the Thirty-first District, in discussing the bill said, in substance, as follows: "Some of the men who have been elected to the office of Judges of the Superior Court, are a disgrace to the people," and did also say, in substance, as follows: "There are men on the bench to-day who are worse than the convicts whom they have sentenced to the penitentiary, and let not the Senators call on me for names lest I give them"; and

Whereas, On the 7th day of December, Senator Carter, of the Thirty-first District, in explaining what he said before the Senate on December 2d, in substance reiterated

the charges above made, and stated that he would, if called upon in the proper manner, furnish the name or names of the parties or judges he had reference to; and

Whereas, Such charges are a serious reflection upon the judiciary of the State, and cause a suspicion to arise as to the integrity of each Judge of the Superior Court in the State; and

Whereas, The State cannot afford to have corrupt judges administering the laws of the State, but such judges should be intelligent and honest and free from suspicion of corruption; and

Whereas, It is the sense of the Senate that the charges hereinbefore made should be fully investigated;

Therefore, be it resolved, That Senator Carter be, and he is hereby, requested to furnish to this body, in writing, the names of the judges whom he has charged with corruption, and such evidence as he may have to sustain such charges, so that the Senate may take such action in the premises as it in its wisdom deems proper and just.

The Senate adjourned, on motion, until 10 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Tuesday, December 8, 1896, 10 O'clock a.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, the President in the chair.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

On the call of the roll, the following Senators answered to their names:

Those present were Messrs.—

Allen,	Geiger,	Sheffield,
Battle,	Goldin,	Stevens,
Blalock,	Golightly,	Stewart, 27th,
Brooke,	Gray,	Stewart, 34th,
Carter,	Ham,	Thomson,
Castleberry,	Hopkins,	Turner,
Comas,	Kemp,	Van Buren,
Cook,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 18th,
Dunwody,	Mann,	Walker, 40th,
Everett,	McFarland,	Wilcox,
Flewellen,	Redwine,	Mr. President.

Those absent were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Hudson,	Westmoreland,
Brinson,	Shropshire,	Witcher,
Culver,	Starr,	Wooten.
Flynt,	Strother,	

Mr. Van Buren, Chairman of the Committee on Journals, reported the Journal correct.

The special order of the morning, after the reading of the Journal, to wit, the motion to reconsider a bill of the House to authorize the record of bonds for title to real estate, was taken up, and, on motion of Mr. Gray, made the special order for to-morrow after the reading of the Journal.

Mr. Golightly, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Corporations have had under consideration the following bill, which they direct me to report, with recommendation that the same do pass:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of Baxley, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to re-enact an act entitled an act to incorporate the Atlantic, Atlanta and Great Western Railroad, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. GOLIGHTLY, Chairman.

Mr. Golightly, Chairman pro tem. of the Special Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Special Judiciary have had under consideration the following House bill, which they direct me to report to the Senate, with recommendation that the same do pass.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the city of Dalton, approved October 5, 1885, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. GOLIGHTLY, Chairman pro tem.

Mr. Battle, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on General Judiciary have had under consideration the following Senate bills, which they direct me to report back, with recommendation that the same do pass, as amended, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2385 of the Code of 1882, in reference to processioning lands, by in-

serting certain words therein, so as to make it necessary to survey and mark only such lines as are uncertain or in dispute.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to require all claimants of land sold under transferred wild land tax *fi. fas.* or under insufficient advertisement, prior to January 1, 1880, to bring suit within twelve months, and for other purposes.

They direct me to report the following bill of the Senate back, with recommendation that the introducer be permitted to withdraw the bill, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act declaring express companies operating and doing business in this State common carriers, and for other purposes.

They also direct me to report the following bill of the House, with recommendation that the same do not pass:

A bill requiring judges of City and County Courts to submit their charges in writing to juries, when requested by either party, or counsel for either party.

Respectfully submitted.

C. E. BATTLE, Chairman.

Mr. Kilpatrick, Chairman of the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following Senate bill, which they instruct me to report back, with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Railroad

Commission of Georgia to compel the shipper or consignee, or officer, agent or employee of a common carrier to give evidence, on certain conditions, touching complaints of violations of the law against or giving rebates and under-billing by common carriers, and to exempt such persons so compelled to testify from indictment or prosecution for his connection with any such transaction, to make such persons thereafter competent and compellable to testify in the courts of this State, and for other purposes.

The committee also recommend that the following resolutions do pass, to wit:

A resolution concurring in and adopting certain additional terms proposed by the city of Atlanta, affecting Wall street, and certain property designated as the "triangle."

A resolution requesting the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee to enact appropriate legislation authorizing the filing of certain official maps of the Western and Atlantic Railroad in Hamilton county, Tennessee, and giving to the same, when so filed, the force and effect of a record of deeds to lands.

A joint resolution directing proceedings to be instituted for the recovery of part of the original depot grounds belonging to the State, at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Also, a joint resolution continuing in existence the Special Commission allowed under a joint resolution approved December 18, 1894, for the purpose of hearing, considering and finally determining any and all matters of controversy, and issues, both of law and fact, affecting or relating to the Western and Atlantic Railroad, its rights,

ways and properties, that may be submitted to it, etc., and for other purposes.

Also, a joint resolution authorizing the Atlanta, Knoxville and Northern Railway Company to acquire certain rights, in the use of the right of way of the Western and Atlantic Railroad in and near the city of Marietta.

Respectfully submitted.

J D. KILPATRICK, Chairman.

Mr. Kilpatrick, Chairman of the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Railroads have had under consideration the following bill, which they direct me to report back, with the recommendation that the same do pass, as amended, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to enlarge the powers of the Railroad Commission of Georgia, so as to require railroads to receive, receipt for, and deliver cars and freights, and to prevent discriminations, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

J D. KILPATRICK, Chairman.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has concurred in the Senate amendments to the following bills of the House, to wit:

A bill to regulate the business of Building and Loan Associations in this State.

The House has also concurred in the Senate amendment to the following resolution of the House, to wit:

A resolution to pay the members of the Pardoning Committee and their clerk.

The House has also passed the following House bills, by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit:

A bill to authorize the appointment of a Commissioner of Pensions, to prescribe the powers and duties of the same.

Also, a bill to authorize the Superior and City Courts of this State to hold courts at places other than the court-houses, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to authorize solvent Guarantee Companies, Fidelity Insurance Companies and Fidelity Deposit Companies to become surety upon attachment bonds, and bonds of city, county and State officers.

Also, a bill to prescribe the terms of admission into the Georgia School for the Deaf.

Also, a bill to prescribe and define scholastic months.

Also, a bill to change the time for holding the Superior Court of Burke county.

Also, a bill to provide for additional compensation for Sheriff of the Supreme Court.

Also, a bill to change the time of holding the fall term of Henry Superior Court.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the Commercial Bank, of Albany. *

The House has also adopted the following joint resolutions, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution to appropriate \$873.74 to M. J. Walker for reporting the evidence in the convict investigation.

Also, a resolution to pay pensions to certain widows and minor children of certain Confederate soldiers.

Mr. Flewellen, Chairman of the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Pensions have had under consideration the following bill, which they direct me to report back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, to wit:

House bill No. 122, to be entitled an act to make penal the collecting of fees for obtaining pensions.

Respectfully submitted.

E. A. FLEWELLEN, Chairman.

Mr. Stewart, of the Thirty-fourth District, Chairman of the Committee on Banks, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following bill, and instruct me to report back, with recommendation that same do pass, to wit:

A bill to amend section 943(a) of the Code of 1882, and acts amendatory thereto, providing for State Depositories, so as to add thereto Statesboro, Toccoa, Moultrie, Colquitt, and Eastman.

Respectfully submitted.

T. D. STEWART, Chairman.

The following bills of the House were read the first time, and referred, as indicated:

A bill to authorize the Superior and City Courts to be held at place or places other than their respective court-houses, when it is impracticable to hold the same in such court-houses.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

A bill to authorize solvent Guarantee Companies, Fidelity Insurance Companies, and Fidelity Deposit Companies to become surety upon attachment bonds and upon the bonds of city, county and State officers.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

A bill to authorize the appointment of a Commissioner of Pensions, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill to prescribe and define a school month.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Also, a bill to prescribe the terms of admission into the Georgia School for the Deaf.

Referred to the Committee on Asylum for the Deaf.

Also, a bill to change the time of holding the fall term of Henry County Superior Court.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also, a bill to provide additional compensation for the Sheriff of the Supreme Court.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also, a bill to change the time of holding the Superior Court of Burke county, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the Commercial Bank of Albany.

Referred to the Committee on Banks.

Mr. Stewart, of the Thirty-fourth District, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee appointed to visit the Georgia Normal and Industrial College, at Milledgeville, beg leave to submit the following report:

We visited and carefully examined the various departments of this great school. Every department is ably presided over by talented teachers, and it is the opinion of your committee that never, in the history of our State, has such thorough work been done. The pupils are being trained in the various avocations that the good women of our State may follow; they are thoroughly taught in the arts of cooking, dressmaking, telegraphy, bookkeeping and typewriting, in addition to the fine arts.

We find the dormitory conveniently arranged, and a model of neatness and good taste, but not large enough to accommodate the needs of the college, as we are informed that about 200 girls were turned away this year for want of accommodations. The college is in sore need of a chapel large enough to seat the school comfortably during devotional and commencement exercises. The courses are divided, in a general way, into five departments, to wit: Normal, Industrial, Collegiate, Domestic, Music and Fine Arts. The library contains over two thousand volumes, treating of the subjects sought to be learned of, and is conveniently arranged.

There are at present about 350 young ladies and girls in attendance upon the college, and they are being thoroughly taught in the various branches, and we feel that they will not only be equipped to go out into the world and earn a living for themselves, but they, having been blessed by our grand old State, will, in turn, bless those with whom they come in contact.

We think the State has a most efficient President of this college in the person of Dr. J. Harris Chappell, and is to be congratulated in having secured his services for this important work.

Respectfully submitted.

T. D. STEWART,
B. F. WALKER,
Committee.

The Senate took up the report of the General Judiciary Committee on the bill of the Senate to amend the last paragraph of section 918 of the Code of 1882, etc.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, ayes 24, nays 0.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Education on the bill of the Senate to authorize the town of Calhoun, in Gordon county, to establish and maintain a system of public schools, etc.

Proof of legal notice was submitted.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, ayes 24, nays 0.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Railroads on the following resolutions, which report was agreed to, and the several resolutions having been read the third time, were agreed to, as indicated, to wit:

A resolution requesting the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee to enact appropriate legislation authorizing the filing of certain official maps of the Western and Atlantic Railroad, in Hamilton county, Tennessee, and giving to the same, when so filed, the force and effect of a record of deeds to lands.

Ayes 25, nays 0.

A resolution concurring in and adopting certain additional terms proposed by the city of Atlanta, affecting Wall street and certain property designated as the "triangle."

Ayes 25, nays 0.

A resolution authorizing the Atlanta, Knoxville and Northern Railway Company to acquire certain rights in the

use of the right of way of the Western and Atlantic Railroad in and near the city of Marietta.

Ayes 25, nays 0.

A resolution directing proceedings to be instituted for the recovery of part of the original depot grounds belonging to the State at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Ayes 25, nays 0.

Also, a resolution continuing in existence the Special Commission allowed under a joint resolution approved December 18, 1894, in regard to claims of the Western and Atlantic Railroad, etc.

Ayes 25, nays 0.

On motion of Mr. Battle, ordered immediately transferred to the House.

Mr. Wilcox, by general consent, introduced a bill to repeal an act incorporating the town of Homerville, in the county of Clinch, etc., which was read the first time and referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

The following communication was received from his Excellency, the Governor, through his Secretary, Mr. Warren, to wit:

Mr. President:

I am directed by the Governor to deliver to the Senate a communication in writing.

Executive Department,
Atlanta, Georgia, December 8, 1896.

To the General Assembly:

I have the honor to inform you that Hon. W. H. Fish, in a communication to this Department, dated the 7th of December inst., declines to accept the office of judge of the Superior Courts of the Southwestern circuit, for the term beginning January 1, 1897, to which he was elected by the General Assembly. This declination will create a vacancy in said office on the 1st of January prox., to fill which provision should be made at your present session.

W. Y. ATKINSON, Governor.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Education on the bill of the House to establish a system of public schools for the city of Moultrie.

The committee reported in favor of its passage, as amended.

The amendments were adopted, and the report agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, as amended, ayes 27, nays 0.

This bill was ordered to be immediately transmitted to the House.

The following resolutions from the House were read the first time, and referred, as indicated, to wit:

A resolution to pay a pension to the widows or minor children of certain deceased Confederate veterans.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Also, a resolution to appropriate money for M. J. Walker for reporting the evidence in the convict investigation.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The bill of the House to amend the charter of the city of Dalton was read the second time and passed to a third reading.

Mr. Redwine withdrew, by general consent, a bill declaring express companies common carriers and subject to regulation and control by the Railroad Commission.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Railroads to authorize the Railroad Commission of Georgia to compel the shipper or consignee, or officer, agent or employee of a common carrier to give evidence on certain conditions touching complaints of violations of the law against granting or giving rebates, etc., by common carriers, etc.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, ayes 24, nays 0.

A bill of the Senate to enlarge the powers of the Railroad Commission, so as to require railroads to receive, receipt for and deliver cars and freights, and prevent discrimination, was made the special order for December 15.

The bill of the Senate to authorize the Ordinary of Appling county to issue jail bonds, etc., was temporarily laid on the table.

The bill of the Senate to require the nature of alcoholic drinks, etc., to be taught in the public schools was made the special order for Tuesday, December 15.

The following bills of the Senate were read the second time, and passed to a third reading, to wit:

A bill to amend the charter of Baxley and provide a free school system therefor.

A bill to amend section 2385 of the Code of 1882, etc.

Also, a bill to require all claimants of lands sold under transferred wild lands and transferred wild land tax fi. fas., etc., to bring suit in twelve months.

Mr. Golightly, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following bill, which I am instructed to report back, with recommendation that the same do pass:

House bill No. 248, to amend the charter of the town of Oakland City, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

J F GOLIGHTLY, Chairman.

The following bills of the House were read the second time, and passed to a third reading, to wit:

A bill to make penal the collecting or receiving of fees for obtaining pensions.

Also, a bill to amend section 943(a) of the Code of 1882, etc.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the town of Oakland City, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to repeal an act to require Spalding county to pay the officers of court the costs allowed by law in each case convicted and worked in the chain-gang of said county.

The bill of the Senate adversely reported by the General Judiciary Committee, to amend section 1288 of the Code of 1882, was taken up and lost, by agreement with said report.

The bill of the Senate to require Ordinaries to name election managers and clerks of each political party that has a ticket in the field, which was referred to the General Judiciary Committee, was, on motion of Mr. Carter, referred to the joint special committee on such subjects.

The following bills were introduced, read the first time, and referred as indicated, to wit:

By Mr. Berner, President—

A bill to provide for a Clerk for the Supreme Court Reporter.

Referred to Committee for Relief of the Supreme Court.

By Mr. McFarland—

A resolution providing for a pension to Mrs. Sarah Powers.

Referred to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Geiger—

A bill to provide for the uniform amendment of bank charters.

Referred to the Committee on Banks.

By Mr. Walker of the Eighteenth District—

A bill to require the Ordinaries of this State to collect a fee of three dollars for issuing marriage certificates, and for other purposes.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

The Senate took up and concurred in the amendment of the House to the substitute of the Senate to the bill of the House, with an amendment, to wit:

A bill to amend section 1288 of the Code of 1882.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Appropriations on the bill of the House to appropriate \$2,500 to meet a deficit incurred by the Board of Trustees of the Georgia School for the Deaf, for the year ending September 30, 1896, by reason of a large increase in the number of pupils.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time, and on the question of its passage the ayes and nays were recorded.

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Geiger,	Stevens,
Battle,	Golightly,	Thomson,
Brooke,	Gray,	Turner,
Castleberry,	Ham,	Van Buren,
Comas,	Hopkins,	Walker, 18th,
Cook,	Kemp,	Walker, 40th,
Dunwody,	Maun,	Westmoreland,
Everett,	McFarland,	Wilcox,
Flewellen,	Redwine,	

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Goldin,	Stewart, 34th,
Blalock,	Hudson,	Strother,
Brinson,	Sheffield,	Witcher.
Carter,	Shropshire,	Wooten.
Fulver,	Starr,	Mr. President.
Flynt,	Stewart, 27th,	

Mr. Kilpatrick voting in the negative.

Ayes 26. Nays 1. Not voting 17

So the bill was passed by a constitutional majority.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Appropriations on the bill of the House to appropriate twelve hundred dollars to be used in furnishing additional rooms for the Justices and officers of the Supreme Court.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time, and on the question of its passage, the ayes and nays were recorded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Battle,	Golightly,	Stevens,
Brooke,	Gray,	Stewart, 27th,
Castleberry,	Ham,	Thomson,
Comas,	Hopkins,	Turner,
Cook,	Kilpatrick,	Van Buren,
Dunwody,	Mann,	Walker, 18th,
Flewellen,	McFarland,	Westmoreland,
Geiger,	Redwine,	Wilcox,

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Kemp,	Walker, 40th,
Carter,		

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Goldin,	Stewart, 34th,
Blalock,	Hudson,	Strother,
Brinson,	Sheffield,	Witcher,
Culver,	Shropshire,	Wooten.
Everett,	Starr,	Mr. President.
Flynt,		

Ayes 24. Nays 4. Not voting 16.

So the bill was passed by a constitutional majority.

The following bills of the House were read the third time, the reports of committees thereon were agreed to, and the bills passed, by constitutional majorities, to wit:

A bill to change the time of holding McDuffie Superior Court.

Also, a bill to change the fall term of Pike Superior Court.

The following bills of the House were taken up for a third reading, under reports of committees, and read the third time. The committees reported in favor of the passage thereof, with amendments, which were agreed to, and the reports were adopted. Proof of legal notice of publication was, in each case, submitted. The bills were read the third time, and passed, as indicated, to wit:

A bill to incorporate the city of Elberton, in Elbert county, and for other purposes.

Ayes 26, nays 0.

A bill to authorize the Commissioners of the village of Summerville, in Richmond county, to provide for the registration of the qualified voters in said village.

Ayes 24, nays 0.

Also, a bill to prescribe who are qualified to vote in all elections in the village of Summerville, in the county of Richmond, and for other purposes.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Corporations on the bill of the House to re-enact an act to incorporate the Atlantic, Atlanta and Great Western Railroad and Navigation Company, approved September 22, 1887, and for other purposes.

The committee reported in favor of its passage, with amendments, which were adopted, and the report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time, and passed, as amended, ayes 25, nays 0.

Leave of absence was granted Mr. Shropshire from the session of to-day

The Senate adjourned, on motion, until 10 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Wednesday, December 9, 1896, 10 O'clock a.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

On the call of the roll, the following Senators answered to their names:

Those present were Messrs.—

Allen,	Goldin,	Starr,
Atkinson,	Golightly,	Stevens,
Blalock,	Gray,	Stewart, 27th,
Brooke,	Ham,	Strother,
Carter,	Hopkins,	Thomson,
Castleberry,	Hudson,	Turner,
Comas,	Kemp,	Van Buren,
Cook,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 18th,
Culver,	Mann,	Walker, 40th,
Dunwody,	McFarland,	Westmoreland,
Everett,	Redwine,	Wilcox.
Flewellen,	Sheffield,	Mr. President.
Geiger,	Shropshire,	

Those absent were Messrs.—

Battle,	Flynt,	Witcher,
Brinson,	Stewart, 34th,	Wooten.

Mr. Van Buren, Chairman of the Committee on Journals, reported the Journal correct.

It was then read and confirmed by the Senate.

The special order of this morning, to wit, the motion to reconsider the bill of the House to authorize the recording of bonds for title to real estate, was taken up.

The bill was reconsidered, and on motion of Mr. Shropshire recommitted to the General Judiciary Committee.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, of the Twenty-seventh District, the bill of the House requiring Judges of the City Courts and County Courts of this State to write out and read their charges to jurors in certain cases, etc., was reconsidered, and on his motion, recommitted to the General Judiciary Committee.

On motion of Mr. Starr, the report of the Special Judiciary Committee, on the bill of the House to amend the

charter of the city of Dalton, approved October 5, 1885, and for other purposes, was taken up.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time, and passed, ayes 26, nays 0.

Proof of legal publication was submitted.

The bill was ordered to be immediately transmitted to the House.

Leave of absence was granted Mr. Battle.

Mr. Golightly, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back, with recommendation that same be read the second time and be recommitted, to wit:

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Macon, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. GOLIGHTLY, Chairman.

Mr. Kilpatrick, Chairman pro tem. of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following House bills, which they direct me

to report to the Senate, with recommendation that they do pass, to wit:

A bill to provide additional compensation for the Sheriff of the Supreme Court.

Also, a bill to authorize the Superior and City Courts of this State, to be held at place or places other than their respective court-houses, when, for causes, it is impracticable to hold the same in such court-house.

Also, a bill to change the time of holding the fall term of Henry County Superior Court.

Also, the following House bill, which they direct me to report do pass, by substitute:

A bill to amend an act for the protection of game.

They direct me to report the following Senate bill, with recommendation that the same do pass, by substitute:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the transfer of corporate stock, when used as collateral security.

They direct me to report the following Senate bill, with recommendation that the same do not pass:

A bill requiring and authorizing the Ordinaries of this State to collect three (\$3.00) dollars for marriage licenses, one half of which to go to the party performing the marriage ceremony.

Respectfully submitted.

J. D. KILPATRICK, Acting Chairman.

Mr. McFarland, Chairman of the Committee on Public Roads, submitted the following report, to wit:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Public Roads have had under consideration the following bills, which they direct me to report to the Senate, with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the establishing of public roads, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to amend an act of the General Assembly of Georgia, approved October 3, 1895, entitled an act to regulate and control certain convicts in the county of Bibb, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

T. F. McFARLAND, Chairman.

Mr. Golightly, of the Thirty-sixth District, Chairman of the Corporations Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Corporations have had under consideration the following Senate bill, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate, with recommendation that the same do pass:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act to establish a County Court in and for the county of Appling, approved December 13, 1893.

The committee recommend the following Senate bill do pass, by substitute:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Ordinaries of the counties of Appling, Wayne, and Pierce to form chain-gangs of the misdemeanor convicts, and work them on the public roads.

Also, they recommend the following House bills do pass:

A bill to be entitled an act to enlarge the corporate limits of the city of Albany, etc.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the town of Yatesville, in the county of Upson, etc.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to change the present corporate limits of Americus.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. GOLIGHTLY, Chairman.

The bill of the House to amend the charter of the city of Macon, and for other purposes, was read the second time, and passed to a third reading.

Under the call of the roll for the introduction of new matter, Mr. Golightly introduced a bill to amend the charter of the Atlanta and West Point Railroad Company, which was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Corporations on the bill of the Senate to amend the charter of Baxley, and provide a free school system therefor.

Proof of legal notice was submitted.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, ayes 27, nays 0.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed the following House bills, by the requisite constitutional majorities, to wit:

A bill to provide for the enforcement of the rights of a trustee in a deed to real property, made to secure a note owing to one or more persons.

Also, a bill to repeal an act to create a County Court for the county of Walton.

Also, a bill to create the office of Commissioner of Public Works for the city of Savannah.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the city of Valdosta.

Also, a bill to establish a City Court for the city of Monroe, in Walton county.

Also, a bill to fix the salaries of County School Commissioners.

The House has also concurred in the Senate amendments to the following bills of the House, to wit:

A bill to provide for a system of public schools for the town of Roswell.

Also, a bill to incorporate the town of Moultrie, in Colquitt county.

The Senate took up the report of the General Judiciary Committee on the bill of the Senate to amend section 2385 of the Code of 1882, in reference to processioning lands, etc.

The committee reported in favor of its passage, with amendments, which were adopted, and the report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, as amended, by ayes 28, nays 1.

The Senate took up the report of the General Judiciary Committee on the bill of the Senate to require all claimants of land sold under transferred wild land tax *fi. fas.*, or under insufficient advertisement of transferred or untransferred wild land tax *fi. fas.*, prior to the first day of January, 1880, to bring suit for such land within twelve months, and to provide for the manner of bringing such suits, and for other purposes.

The committee reported in favor of its passage, with amendments, which were adopted, and the report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, as amended, ayes 31, nays 0.

The bill of the Senate to enlarge the powers of the Railroad Commission of Georgia, etc., which had been made the special order for Tuesday next, was, by general consent, taken up for a third reading, and on motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Golightly, Chairman pro tem. of the Committee on Special Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following bill, which they instruct me to report back, with recommendation that the same do pass, as amended, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 1656 of the Code of Georgia for 1882, so as to make women eligible to the office of State Librarian, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. GOLIGHTLY, Chairman.

Mr. Shropshire, Chairman of the Special Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following bills, and instruct me to report back, with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to fix the bond of the Treasurer of Richmond county, and for other purposes.

A bill to repeal an act approved February 28, 1876, providing that the insolvent costs of the Solicitor, mentioned in said amendatory act shall be paid from funds realized from hiring out convicts of said County Court in Wilkes county.

A bill to be entitled an act to appropriate the proceeds from the hire of misdemeanor convicts, in the Northern

Judicial Circuit, to payment of costs accruing to officers, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

WESLEY SHROPSHIRE, Chairman.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Corporations on the bill of the House to amend the charter of the town of Oakland City, and for other purposes.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, ayes 26, nays 0.

Proof of notice of publication was submitted.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Pensions on the bill of the House to make penal the collecting or receiving of fees for obtaining pensions.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, ayes 25, nays 0.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Banks on the bill of the House to amend section 943(a) of the Code of 1882, and amendatory acts, etc.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, ayes 23, nays 0.

The following bills of the House were read the first time and referred as indicated, to wit:

A bill to establish a City Court for the city of Monroe, in Walton county.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also, a bill to repeal an act to create the office of Commissioner of Public Works for the city of Savannah, etc.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of Valdosta, approved October 24, 1887, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also, a bill to repeal an act to create a County Court for the county of Walton, etc.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also, a bill to provide for enforcing the rights of a trustee in a deed to real property made to secure a note or notes, or other debt owing to one or more persons, etc. •

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also, a bill to pay the county school commissioners of the State of Georgia a fixed salary of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,200.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Walker, Chairman pro tem. of the Committee on Enrolling, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Enrolling have examined and direct me to report as duly enrolled and ready for the signatures

of the President and Secretary of the Senate the following resolution, to wit:

A resolution authorizing the Governor to relinquish all claims of the State against the Blue Ridge and Atlantic Railroad.

Respectfully submitted.

J. Y. WALKER, Chairman pro tem.

Mr. Westmoreland, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossing, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Engrossing Committee have examined the following bills, which they direct me to report as duly engrossed and ready to be transmitted to the House of Representatives, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Railroad Commission of Georgia to compel the shipper or consignee or officer, agent or employee of a common carrier to give evidence, on certain conditions, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to amend the last paragraph of section 918 of the Code of 1882, so as to reduce the amount of the bond required of tax-receivers in this State to one-fourth of the amount of the State tax of the county for which he receives tax returns.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the town of Calhoun, in Gordon county, Georgia, to establish and maintain a system of public schools, and for other purposes.

Also, the following resolutions, which they direct me to report as duly engrossed:

A resolution requesting the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee to enact appropriate legislation authorizing the filing of certain official maps of the Western and Atlantic Railroad.

Also, a resolution authorizing the Atlanta, Knoxville and Northern Railroad Company to acquire certain rights in the use of the right of way of the Western and Atlantic Railroad, in and near the city of Marietta.

Also, a resolution concurring in and adopting certain additional terms proposed by the city of Atlanta affecting Wall street, and certain property designated as the triangle.

Also, a joint resolution directing proceedings to be instituted for recovery of part of original depot grounds at Chattanooga, belonging to the State.

Also, a joint resolution continuing in existence the Special Commission of the Western and Atlantic Railroad.

Respectfully submitted.

G. F. WESTMORELAND, Chairman.

The bill of the Senate to require and authorize Ordinaries to collect a fee of three dollars for issuing marriage licenses, etc., was taken up, under adverse report of the General Judiciary Committee, and lost, by agreement with said report.

The following bills of the Senate were read the second time, and passed to a third reading, to wit:

A bill to provide for establishing public roads, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to repeal an act to establish a County Court

in and for the county of Appling, approved December 13, 1893.

Also, a bill to authorize the Ordinaries of the counties of Appling, Wayne and Pierce to form chain-gangs of the misdemeanor convicts, and work them on the public roads.

Also, a bill to provide for the transfer of corporate stock when used as collateral security, and to provide for the protection of the holders thereof.

The following bills of the House were read the second time, and passed to a third reading, to wit:

A bill to repeal an act approved February 28, 1876, providing that the insolvent costs of the Solicitors, mentioned in said amendatory act, shall be paid from funds realized from hiring out convicts of said County Court of Wilkes.

Also, a bill to amend an act for the protection of game.

Also, a bill to authorize the Superior and City Courts of this State, to be held at place or places other than their respective court-houses, etc.

Also, a bill to appropriate the proceeds from the hire of misdemeanor convicts, in the Northern Judicial Circuit, to the payment of costs accruing to officers, approved October 15, 1887, so as to exempt Wilkes county from the provisions of that act.

Also, a bill to provide additional compensation for the Sheriff of the Supreme Court.

Also, a bill to change the present corporate limits of Americus.

Also, a bill to fix the bond of the Treasurer of Richmond county, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to change the time of holding the fall term of the Superior Court of Henry county.

Also, a bill to enlarge the corporate limits of the city of Albany.

Also, a bill to amend section 1656 of the Code of 1882, so as to make women eligible to the office of State Librarian.

This bill was made a special order after the previous special orders for to-day are disposed of.

Also, a bill to amend an act to control certain convicts in the county of Bibb, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to incorporate the town of Yatesville, in the county of Upson.

On motion of Mr. Atkinson, the Senate took up the report of the Committee on Finance on the bill of the House to repeal an act to require Spalding county to pay the officers of court the costs now allowed by law in each case convicted and worked in the chain-gang of said county.

Proof of legal notice was submitted.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, ayes 27, nays 1.

The joint resolution of the House providing for the appropriation of \$130.00 to defray the expenses of the recent inaugural ceremonies, the report having been previously

agreed to and the resolution read the third time, the ayes and nays were recorded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Golightly,	Starr,
Blalock,	Gray,	Stevens,
Brooke,	Ham,	Stewart, 27th,
Comas,	Hopkins,	Stewart, 34th,
Cook,	Hudson,	Turner,
Culver,	Kilpatrick,	Van Buren,
Dunwody,	Mann,	Westmoreland,
Everett,	McFarland,	Wilcox,
Flewellen,	Redwine,	Witcher.
Geiger,	Shropshire,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Goldin,	Strother,
Carter,	Kemp,	Walker, 40th.
Castleberry,		

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Battle,	Sheffield,	Wooten,
Brinson,	Thomson,	Mr. President.
Flynt,	Walker, 18th,	

Ayes 29. Nays 7 Not voting 8.

So the resolution was concurred in by a constitutional majority.

Mr. Shropshire, Chairman of the Committee on Special Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following bill, which they instruct me to report back, with recommendation that the same do pass, to wit:

A bill to authorize the mayor and council of the town of Millen to issue bonds to the amount of \$8,000, for the pur-

pose of constructing and equipping an academy, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

WESLEY SHROPSHIRE, Chairman.

The Senate took up the report of the General Judiciary Committee on the bill of the Senate to establish a Board of Dental Examiners, prescribe its powers, etc.

The committee reported in favor of its passage, by substitute.

Mr. Carter proposed to amend the substitute, by striking out section 16.

On the question of adopting this amendment the ayes and nays were recorded.

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Everett,	Hudson,
Blalock,	Flewellen,	Kemp,
Brooke,	Geiger,	Redwine,
Carter,	Goldin,	Sheffield,
Castleberry,	Gray,	Stewart, 27th,
Cook,	Ham,	Witcher.

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Mann,	Turner,
Comas,	McFarland,	Van Buren,
Culver,	Shropshire,	Walker, 18th,
Dunwody,	Starr,	Walker, 40th,
Golightly,	Stewart, 34th,	Westmoreland,
Hopkins,	Strother,	Wilcox.
Kilpatrick,	Thomson,	

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Battle,	Flynt,	Wooten.
Brinson,	Stevens,	Mr. President.

Ayes 18. Nays 20. Not voting 6.

So the amendment was not adopted.

The question recurred on the adoption of the substitute reported by the committee.

The substitute was adopted.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time, and on the passage of the same, as amended by substitute, the ayes and nays were recorded.

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Gray,	Stevens,
Comas,	Hopkins,	Strother,
Cook,	Kilpatrick,	Thomson,
Culver,	McFarland,	Turner,
Dunwody,	Redwine,	Van Buren,
Flewellen,	Shropshire,	Westmoreland.
Golightly,		

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Goldin,	Stewart, 27th,
Blalock,	Ham,	Stewart, 34th,
Brooke,	Hudson,	Walker, 18th,
Carter,	Kemp,	Walker, 40th,
Castleberry,	Mann,	Wilcox,
Everett,	Sheffield,	Witcher.
Geiger,	Starr,	

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Battle,	Flynt,	Mr. President.
Brinson,	Wooten,	

Ayes 19. Nays 20. Not voting 5.

Before the announcement of the vote Mr. Kilpatrick moved to table the bill.

On this proposition the ayes and nays were recorded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Gray,	Thomson,
Comas,	Hopkins,	Turner,
Cook,	Kilpatrick,	Van Buren,
Culver,	McFarland,	Westmoreland,
Dunwoody,	Redwine,	Witcher,
Flewellen,	Shropshire,	Mr. President.
Golightly,	Stevens,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Goldin,	Starr,
Blalock,	Ham,	Stewart, 27th,
Brooke,	Hudson,	Stewart, 34th,
Carter,	Kemp,	Walker, 1st,
Castleberry,	Mann,	Walker, 40th,
Everett,	Sheffield,	Wilcox.
Geiger,		

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Battle,	Flynt,	Wooten.
Brinson,	Strother,	

Ayes 20. Nays 19. Not voting 5.

So the motion to table the bill prevailed.

Mr. Berner, the President, (by request) introduced the following bill, which was read the first time, and referred to the General Judiciary Committee, to wit:

A bill to give parties in all City Courts in this State, established upon the recommendation of grand juries, under and by virtue of acts of the General Assembly, approved October 19, 1891, and published on page 96 of the Acts of 1891, and an act approved December 23, 1892,

and published on page 107 of the Acts of 1892, the right of appeal to the Superior Court.

The Senate, having disposed of all business on the desk of the Secretary, adjourned, on motion, to 10 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Thursday, December 10, 1896, 10 O'clock a.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

On the call of the roll, the following Senators answered to their names:

Allen,	Geiger,	Starr,
Atkinson,	Goldin,	Stevens,
Battle,	Golightly,	Stewart, 27th,
Blalock,	Gray,	Stewart, 34th,
Brooke,	Ham,	Strother,
Carter,	Hopkins,	Turner,
Castleberry,	Hudson,	Van Buren,
Comas,	Kemp,	Walker, 18th,
Culver,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 40th,
Dunwoody,	Mann,	Wilcox,
Everett,	Redwine,	Witcher,
Flewellen,	Sheffield,	Wooten,
Flynt,	Shropshire,	Mr. President.

Those absent were Messrs.—

Brinson,	McFarland,	Westmoreland.
Cook,	Thomson,	

Mr. Van Buren, Chairman of the Committee on Journals, reported the Journal correct.

It was then read and confirmed by the Senate.

Mr. Walker, of the Eighteenth District, gave notice of a motion to reconsider the bill of the Senate to amend section 2385 of the Code of 1882, in relation to processioning lands, and on his motion, the proposition was, by general consent, made the special order for Monday next, immediately after the reading of the Journal.

By resolution of Mr. Stewart, of the Thirty-fourth District, Hon. J. L. Smyzer, of Louisville, was invited to a seat in the Senate.

By resolution of Mr. Berner, Capt. W. E. Sanders, of Monroe county, was invited to a seat in the Senate.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed the following House bills, by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit:

A bill to set apart half the day of Saturday as a legal half holiday.

Also, a bill to regulate the practice in the Supreme Court.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the town of Boston.

Also, a bill to incorporate the town of Baldwin, in the counties of Banks and Habersham.

The House has also concurred in the Senate amendments to the following House bill, to wit:

A bill to incorporate the town of Plains.

Also, a bill to prescribe who are qualified voters in the village of Summerville.

Also, a bill to incorporate the city of Elberton.

Also, a bill to provide for the payment of costs in civil cases in county and justices' courts.

Also, a bill to provide for the registration of voters in the village of Summerville.

Also, a bill to reincorporate the Atlantic, Atlanta and Great Western Railway and Navigation Company.

The House has concurred in the following Senate resolution, to wit:

A resolution extending sympathy with Cubans and requesting our Representatives in Congress to use their influence in securing belligerent rights for Cuba.

Mr. Flewellen, Chairman of the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Pensions have had under consideration the following bill, which they direct me to report back, with recommendation that it do pass, to wit:

House bill No. 2, to be entitled an act to authorize the appointment of a Commissioner of Pensions, to prescribe the powers and duties of such Commissioner, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

E. A. FLEWELLEN, Chairman.

By general consent, Mr. Comas withdrew a bill to authorize the Ordinary of Appling county to issue jail bonds.

The special order of this morning was taken up, to wit:

The bill to abolish barrooms, etc.

Mr. Turner moved to make this bill the special order for Wednesday, the eighth day of the next session.

On this proposition the ayes and nays were ordered.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Golightly,	Stewart, 27th,
Atkinson,	Gray,	Stewart, 34th,
Brooke,	Ham,	Turner,
Carter,	Hopkins,	Walker, 40th,
Culver,	Kemp,	Westmoreland,
Everett,	Starr,	Witcher,
Flewellen,	Stevens,	Wooten.
Flynt,		

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.—

Battle,	Geiger,	Shropshire,
Blalock,	Goldin,	Strother,
Castleberry,	Kilpatrick,	Van Buren,
Comas,	Mann,	Walker, 18th,
Cook,	Redwine,	Wilcox,
Dunwody,	Sheffield,	

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Brinson,	McFarland,	Mr. President.
Hudson,	Thomson,	

Ayes 22. Nays 17 Not voting 5.

So the motion prevailed, and the bill was made the special order for Wednesday, the eighth day of the next session.

The bill to prohibit the sale of any intoxicating liquors, etc., in less quantities than one pint, which was also a special order for this morning, was, on motion, made the special order for Wednesday, the eighth day of the next session.

The following communication was received from his Excellency, the Governor, through his Secretary, Mr. Warren, to wit:

Mr. President:

I am directed by the Governor to deliver to the Senate a sealed communication, to which he respectfully invites the consideration of your honorable body in executive session.

Mr. Shropshire, Chairman of the Committee on Special Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Special Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following bills, which they direct me to report back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to change the time of holding the Superior Courts of Burke county, and for other purposes.

Also, House bill No. 209, a bill to be entitled an act to authorize and empower the town of Royston in the county of Franklin, to issue and sell bonds for the purpose of erecting public school buildings, to provide for the levy of a tax upon the property of said town, to meet the principal and

interest on said bonds as they become due, and for other purposes.

Also, House bill No. 60, a bill to be entitled an act to abolish the City Court of Elbert county; transfer the pending cases therein and all unfinished business, etc., thereof, to the City Court of Elberton, and for other purposes.

The committee have had under consideration the following bills, which they direct me to report back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the same do pass, as amended, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the City Court of Baxley, in Appling county, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act to fix the compensation of the County Treasurer of Meriwether county, and to provide for the compensation of the County Treasurer of Meriwether county, and for other purposes.

Also, House bill No. 59, a bill to be entitled an act to establish a City Court in the City of Elberton, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

WESLEY SHROPSHIRE, Chairman.

Mr. Starr, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following bills, which they instruct me to report back, with the recommendation as follows, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Governor to appoint a School Book Board, and for other purposes.

That the author of this bill be allowed to withdraw same.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to pay the county school commissioners of the State of Georgia a fixed salary of not less than \$100, nor more than \$1,200.

That this bill do not pass.

Also, a bill to prescribe and define a scholastic month.

That this bill do pass.

Respectfully submitted.

O. N. STARR, Chairman.

Mr. Shropshire, Chairman pro tem. of the Committee on General Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr President:

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following House bill, which they direct me to report, with recommendation that the same do pass, by substitute:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 1 of an act approved December 1, 1886, entitled an act to prescribe and define the powers of Commissioners of Pilotage.

They direct me to report the following bill, with request that it be read the second time and recommitted:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act providing for the registration of voters in this State.

Respectfully submitted.

WESLEY SHROPSHIRE, Chairman pro tem.

Mr. Hopkins, Chairman of the Committee on Relief of the Supreme Court, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee for Relief of the Supreme Court have had under consideration Senate bill No. 62, by Mr. Berner, of the Twenty-second District, entitled a bill to provide for a clerk for the Supreme Court Reporter, etc., and have instructed me to report the same to the Senate, with the request that it be read the second time and recommitted to this committee.

Respectfully submitted.

H. W. HOPKINS, Chairman.

Mr. Hopkins, Chairman of the Committee for the Relief of the Supreme Court, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee for Relief of the Supreme Court have had under consideration House bill No. 33, by Mr. Boynton of Spalding, entitled a bill to prescribe regulations for conducting the business of the Supreme Court on and after the 1st day of January, 1897, etc., and have instructed me to report the same to the Senate, with the recommendation that the same do pass.

Respectfully submitted.

H. W. HOPKINS, Chairman.

Mr. Stevens, of the Eleventh District, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Appropriations have had under con-

sideration the following House resolution, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the same do pass, as amended:

A resolution to pay a pension to the widows or minor children of certain deceased Confederate veterans.

Respectfully submitted.

O. B. STEVENS, Chairman.

Mr. Comas, Chairman of the Committee on Deaf and Dumb Asylum, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Deaf and Dumb Asylum have had under consideration the following House bill, which they direct me to report, with recommendation that the same do pass:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the terms of admission into the Georgia School for the Deaf.

Respectfully submitted.

P. H. COMAS, Chairman.

Mr. Walker, of the Fortieth District, Chairman pro tem. of the Enrolling Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Enrolling Committee have examined the following bills, which they direct me to report as properly enrolled and ready for the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act approved September 21, 1887, to fix the time for adjournment of Superior and City Courts.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the Georgia Empire Mutual Insurance Company.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to protect the State and counties thereof where public work is let out by bidding.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Finance Banking Company, of Atlanta, Georgia, approved November 13, 1889.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to establish a system of public schools in the town of Roswell.

Also, a bill to establish a system of public schools for the city of Moultrie.

Also, a joint resolution to appropriate fifty dollars to the Atlanta Electric Railway Company.

Also, a resolution to pay Mrs. R. U. Hardeman, for the year 1896, the per diem of Hon. R. U. Hardeman.

Also, to pay the per diem and the clerk of the joint Committee on Penitentiary, appointed under a resolution of the General Assembly, approved December, 1895.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to regulate the business of Building and Loan Associations.

Respectfully submitted.

J. Y. WALKER, Chairman pro tem.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr President:

The House has passed the following House bills, by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit:

A bill to prohibit the poisoning of any spring, well, or reservoir of water, and prescribe punishment for same.

Also, a bill to define the liability of receivers, trustees, assignees, and other like officers.

The bill of the House to amend section 1656 of the Code of 1882, so as to make women eligible to the office of State Librarian, and for other purposes.

The same was a special order for this morning, and was reported, with amendments, which were adopted, and the report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, as amended, ayes 29, nays 5.

On motion of Mr. Shropshire, this bill was ordered to be immediately transmitted to the House.

Mr. Battle, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr President:

The Committee on General Judiciary have had under consideration the following Senate bill, which they direct me to report, with request that the same be read the second time and recommitted to the General Judiciary Committee:

A bill to be entitled an act to give parties in all city courts in this State, established upon the recommendation of grand juries under and by virtue of acts of the General Assembly approved October 19, 1891, the right of appeal to the Superior Court.

Respectfully submitted.

C. E. BATTLE, Chairman.

This bill was read the second time, and recommitted.

The Senate, on motion, went into executive session, and returned again to open session.

Mr. Atkinson, by general consent, introduced a bill to prevent hunting with dogs, firearms, and other implements in or through the lands of another in counties where the stock law, as embodied in sections 1449, 1450, 1451, 1452, 1453 and 1454, of the Code of 1882, etc., which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Special Judiciary.

Mr. Berner offered a resolution authorizing the Secretary to correct certain clerical errors in bill of the Senate No. 27, which was read and agreed to.

The following bills of the House were read the first time and referred as indicated, to wit :

A bill to regulate the practice in the Supreme Court in certain cases.

Referred to Committee on Relief of the Supreme Court.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the town of Boston, in Thomas county.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

A bill to incorporate the town of Baldwin, in the counties of Banks and Habersham.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

A bill to prohibit the poisoning of any spring, well, or reservoir of water, to provide a penalty, etc.

Referred to the Committee on Hygiene.

Also, a bill to set apart half the day of Saturday in each week as a legal holiday.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also, a bill to define the liability of receivers, trustees, assignees, etc., and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

The Senate took up the report of the General Judiciary Committee on the bill of the Senate to provide for the transfer of corporate stock, when used as collateral security, and to provide for the protection of the holders thereof.

The committee reported in favor of its passage, by substitute, which was adopted, and the report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, as amended, by substitute, ayes 27, nays 0.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Public Roads on the bill of the Senate to provide for establishing public roads, and for other purposes.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, ayes 26, nays 1.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Corporations on the bill of the Senate to repeal an act to establish a County Court in and for the county of Appling, approved December 13, 1893.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, ayes 26, nays 0.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Corporations on the bill of the Senate to authorize the Ordinaries of the counties of Appling, Wayne and Pierce to organize chain-gangs of the misdemeanor convicts and work them on the public roads.

The committee reported in favor of its passage, by substitute, which was adopted.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, as amended, by substitute, ayes 28, nays 0.

Proof of legal notice in the last two bills was submitted to the Senate.

Mr. Golightly, Chairman of the Corporations Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Corporations Committee have had under consideration the following House bill, which they direct me to report, with recommendation that the same do pass, as amended:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the city of Macon.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. GOLIGHTLY, Chairman.

The following bills of the House were taken up, under reports of committees; the reports were agreed to; the bills were read the third time, and passed, by the votes severally indicated, to wit:

A bill to provide additional compensation for the Sheriff of the Supreme Court, and the manner in which he shall be paid.

Ayes 23, nays 0.

Also, a bill to appropriate the proceeds from the hire of misdemeanor convicts, in the Northern Judicial Circuit, to the payment of costs accruing to officers, approved October 15, 1887, so as to exempt Wilkes county from the provisions of that act.

Proof of legal notice was submitted.

Ayes 27, nays 0.

Also, a bill to authorize the Superior and City Courts of this State to be held at other place or places than their respective court-houses, etc.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, ayes 24, nays 0.

Also, a bill to repeal an act approved February 28, 1876, providing that the insolvent costs of the Solicitor, men-

tioned in said amendatory act, shall be paid from funds realized from hiring out convicts of said County Court in Wilkes county.

Proof of publication was submitted.

The report was agreed to.

Ayes 24, nays 0.

Also, a bill to incorporate the town of Yatesville, in Upson county.

Proof of publication was submitted.

Ayes 24, nays 0.

Also, a bill to enlarge the corporate limits of the city of Albany.

Ayes 24, nays 0.

Proof of publication was submitted.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on General Judiciary on the bill of the House to amend an act for the protection of game.

The committee reported in favor of its passage, by substitute.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the substitute was amended as follows:

1. Amend section 1 of the substitute by striking the word "first," in the fifteenth line, and inserting the word "fifteenth."

2. Amend section 1 of the substitute by striking the

word "fifteenth," in the twenty-fourth line, and inserting instead the word "first," and striking the word "August," in the same line, and inserting the word "September."

3. Amend section 1 of the substitute by striking out the word "snipe," from the seventh line thereof.

The substitute, as amended, was adopted.

The report of the committee was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, as amended, by substitute, ayes 24, nays 0.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Corporations on the bill of the House to amend the charter of the city of Macon, and for other purposes.

The committee reported in favor of its passage, with amendments, which were adopted.

Proof of publication was submitted.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, as amended, ayes 23, nays 0.

On motion of Mr. Berner, this bill was ordered to be immediately transmitted to the House.

Mr. Golightly, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following bill, which they instruct me to report back, with the recommendation that the same be read the second time and recommitted, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the Atlanta and West Point Railroad Company, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. GOLIGHTLY, Chairman.

Mr. Walker, of the Eighteenth District, was granted leave of absence for Saturday next.

The following minority report was submitted:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Railroads having had under consideration Senate bill No. 26, to be entitled an act to enlarge the powers of the Railroad Commissioners of Georgia, so as to require Railroads to receive, receipt for, and deliver cars and freights, and to prevent discrimination, and for other purposes, and having reported the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the same do pass, we, the undersigned, members of the Committee on Railroads, being dissatisfied with the report of said committee, beg leave to submit this their minority report, with the recommendation that said bill do not pass.

Respectfully submitted.

C. E. BATTLE,
E. A. FLEWELLEN,
PHIL COOK,
J. A. STEWART.

Mr. Brooke, Chairman pro tem. of the Committee on Engrossing, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have examined the following Senate

bill, and find it properly engrossed and ready to be transmitted to the House of Representatives, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of Baxley, and provide a free school system therefor; and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

J. P BROOKE, Chairman pro tem.

The bill of the Senate to amend the charter of the Atlanta and West Point Railroad Company was read the second time and recommitted.

The following bills of the House were read the second time and recommitted, to wit:

A bill to amend an act to provide for the registration of voters in this State, etc.

Also, a bill to authorize the appointment of a Commissioner of Pensions, etc.

The following bills of the House were read the second time and passed to a third reading, to wit:

A bill to establish a City Court in the city of Elberton.

A bill to amend section 1 of an act approved December 1, 1886, to prescribe and define the powers of Commissioners of Pilotage, etc., and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to authorize the town of Royston, in Franklin county, to sell bonds, etc.

Also, a bill to abolish the City Court of Elbert county, etc.

The Senate, on motion, adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Friday, December 11, 1896, 10 O'clock a.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

On motion, the roll-call was dispensed with.

Mr. Walker, of the Fortieth District, reported the Journal correct.

It was then read and confirmed by the Senate.

Mr. Walker, Chairman pro tem. of the Committee on Enrollment, submitted the following report:

Mr President:

The Committee on Enrollment have had under consideration the following acts, which they report duly enrolled and ready for the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate, to wit:

An act to re-enact an act entitled an act to incorporate the Atlantic, Atlanta and Great Western Railroad and Navigation Company, approved September 22, 1887, and to validate the acts and deeds done under and in pursuance of said original act.

Also, an act entitled an act to change the time of holding the fall term of Pike Superior Court, and for other purposes.

Also, an act to change the time of holding McDuffie Superior Court, and for other purposes.

Also, an act to appropriate the sum of twelve hundred dollars, to be used in furnishing additional rooms for the accommodation of the Justices and officers of the Supreme Court.

Also, an act to appropriate twenty-five hundred dollars to meet a deficit incurred by the Board of Trustees for the Georgia School for the Deaf, for the year ending September 30, 1896, by reason of a large increase in the number of pupils.

Respectfully submitted.

J. Y. WALKER, Chairman pro tem.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed the following House bill, by the requisite constitutional majority:

A bill to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of DeKalb.

The House has also adopted the following joint resolution, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution to pay a Doorkeeper of the House.

The House has concurred in the Senate amendment to House amendment to the following House bill, as follows:

A bill to amend section 1288 of the Code of 1882, providing for the payment of managers of elections.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Witcher, the Senate took up the report of the Special Judiciary Committee, on the bill of the House to establish a city court in the city of Elberton, etc.

Proof of legal notice was submitted.

The committee reported in favor of its passage, with amendments, which were adopted.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, as amended, ayes 25, nays 0.

The Senate took up the report of the Special Judiciary Committee on the bill of the House to abolish the city court of Elberton, etc.

Proof of publication was submitted.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, ayes 23, nays 0.

Mr. Battle, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following bill of the Senate, and direct me to report the same, with recommendation that it do pass:

A bill to be entitled an act to give parties in all city courts in this State, established upon the recommendation of grand juries, under and by virtue of acts of the General

Assembly approved October 19, 1891, and published on page 96 of the Acts of 1891, and an act approved December 23, 1892, and published on page 107 of the acts of 1892, the right of appeal to the Superior Court.

They direct me to report the following bills, with recommendation that they do pass, as amended:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the recording of bonds for title to real estate.

They direct me to report the following bills, with recommendation that the same do not pass:

A bill to be entitled an act to require claimants of real estate levied on under execution, or seized under other legal process, to file with the claim affidavit and damage bond an abstract of the title upon which said claimants rely, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to set apart half the day of Saturday of each week as a legal holiday, to be known as "Saturday half holiday."

They direct me to report the following bills, with request that they be read the second time, and recommitted.

A bill to allow land condemned for public road purposes, to provide payment therefor, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to authorize solvent Guarantee Companies and Fidelity Companies and Fidelity Deposit Companies to become surety upon attachment bonds, and upon the bonds of city, county and State officers.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the registration of voters in this State, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to provide for enforcing the rights of a trustee in a deed to real property.

Respectfully submitted.

C. E. BATTLE, Chairman.

Mr. Dunwody, by general consent, introduced a bill to alter and amend an act to provide for the establishment and government of a State Naval Militia, and for other purposes, etc.

This bill was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By general consent, Mr. Turner introduced a bill, which was read the first time and referred to the General Judiciary Committee, to wit:

A bill to amend an act approved December 17, 1894, entitled an act to provide for the registration of voters in this State, and for other purposes.

Mr. Kilpatrick, Chairman of the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following bill, which they instruct me to report back, with the recommendation that the same be read the second time and recommitted to the Committee on Railroads, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to fix and define the liability of receivers, trustees, and other like officers, operating railroads in this State, approved December 16, 1895, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

J. D. KILPATRICK, Chairman.

Mr. Stewart, of the Thirty-fourth District, Chairman of Committee on Banks, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following bills, which they instruct me to report back, with recommendation as follows, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the uniform amendment of bank charters.

That this bill do pass.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the Commercial Bank of Albany.

That this bill do pass, as amended.

Respectfully submitted.

T. D. STEWART, Chairman.

Mr. Golightly, of the Thirty-sixth District, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Corporations have had under consideration the following Senate bill, which they recommend do pass:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the Atlanta and West Point Railroad Company.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. GOLIGHTLY, Chairman.

Mr. Starr, Chairman of Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following resolution, which they instruct me to report back, with the recommendation that the same be concurred in, to wit:

A resolution providing for the appointment of a committee to examine and report upon amounts received by the University from the federal government.

Respectfully submitted.

O. N. STARR, Chairman.

Under a suspension of the rules, the Senate took up the report of the Special Judiciary Committee on the bill of the House to authorize the town of Royston, in Franklin county, to issue bonds, etc., and for other purposes.

Proof of publication was submitted.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, ayes 25, nays 0.

Under a suspension of the rules, the Senate took up the report of the General Judiciary Committee on the bill of the House to amend section 1 of an act approved December 1, 1886, entitled an act to prescribe and define the powers of Commissioners of Pilotage for the ports of this State, etc.

The committee reported in favor of its passage, by substitute, which was adopted and the report agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, as amended, by substitute, ayes 23, nays 0.

Mr. Shropshire, Chairman of the Special Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following bill, which they instruct me to report back, with the recommendation that the same be read a second time and be recommitted to the Special Judiciary Committee, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to create a Commissioner of Roads and Revenues for Jackson county, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

WESLEY SHROPSHIRE, Chairman.

The following bills of the House were read the first time and referred, as indicated, to wit:

A bill to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of DeKalb, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also, a resolution to pay the Doorkeeper of the House.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

On motion of Mr. Dunwody, the bill to amend the law

of pilotage was ordered to be immediately transmitted to the House.

Mr. Battle, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following Senate bills, which they direct me to report back, with the recommendation that the same be read a second time, and recommitted to the General Judiciary Committee, to wit:

An act to repeal an act to establish courts in counties having a population of 15,000 or more, etc.

Also, an act to establish the city court of Jefferson, and in the county of Jackson, etc.

Respectfully submitted.

C. E. BATTLE, Chairman.

The Senate took up the report of the General Judiciary Committee on the reconsidered bill of the House to authorize the recording of bonds for titles to real estate.

The committee reported in favor of its passage, with an amendment, which was adopted, and the report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time, and, on motion of Mr. Golightly, was laid on the table.

Mr. Dunwody, Chairman of the Committee on Military, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the fol-

lowing bill, which they instruct me to report back, with the recommendation that same be read the second time and recommitted to Committee on Military, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to alter and amend an act entitled an act to provide for the establishment and government of a State Naval Militia, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY F DUNWODY, Chairman.

The Senate took up the report of the General Judiciary Committee on the bill of the Senate to provide for the right of appeals to the Supreme Court from city courts established under recommendation of the grand juries.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, ayes 29, nays 0.

The bill of the House to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of DeKalb was transferred from the Special Judiciary Committee to the General Judiciary Committee.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has adopted the following resolution, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked:

A resolution petitioning the President of the United States to suspend the sentences of revenue violators.

Mr. Golightly, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back, with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the city of Baldwin, in the counties of Banks and Habersham, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. GOLIGHTLY, Chairman.

The Senate took up the report of the Special Judiciary Committee on the bill of the Senate to authorize the mayor and council of the town of Millen to issue bonds, etc.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, ayes 24, nays 0.

The bill of the House to incorporate the town of Baldwin, in the counties of Banks and Habersham, was read the second time, and passed to a third reading.

The following bills of the Senate were read the second time, and recommitted, to wit:

A bill to create a Commissioner of Roads and Revenues of Jackson county.

Also, a bill to repeal an act to establish city courts in counties having a population of 15,000, so far as applies to the county of Jackson, etc.

Also, a bill to allow payment for land condemned for public roads, etc.

Also, a bill to establish the city court of Jefferson, in the county of Jackson.

Also, a bill to provide a clerk for the Supreme Court Reporter, to provide for a salary, and for other purposes.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Corporations on the bill of the Senate to amend the charter of the Atlanta and West Point Railroad Company.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time, and, on motion of Mr. Turner, laid on the table.

Leave of absence for to-morrow was granted to Mr. Geiger.

Mr. Shropshire, Chairman of the Special Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following bill, which they instruct me to report back, with the recommendation that the same be read a second time and recommitted, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide when the stock law shall go into effect in certain localities, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

WESLEY SHROPSHIRE, Chairman.

Mr. Carter, of the Thirty-first District, submitted his reply to a resolution adopted on the 7th inst., relating to certain charges made by him, which reply was ordered to be spread on the Journal of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Battle, the order to spread this reply of Mr. Carter to the resolution of the 7th of December, on the Journal, was reconsidered.

The following bills of the Senate were read the second time, and passed to a third reading, to wit:

A bill to provide when the stock law shall go into effect, etc. Recommended.

Also, a bill to establish the City Court of Baxley, in Appling county.

Also, a bill to change the time of holding the Superior Courts of Burke county

Also, a bill to repeal an act to fix the compensation of the County Treasurer of Meriwether county, etc.

Also, a bill to provide for the uniform amendment of bank charters.

Mr. Strother, by general consent, withdrew a bill to authorize the Governor to appoint a School-book Board, etc.

Mr. Stewart, of the Thirty-fourth District, was granted leave of absence until Monday.

Mr. Wooten, by general consent, introduced a bill to amend section 2681 of the Code, relating to constructive possession of lands.

This bill was read the first time and referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Berner, the President, by general consent, introduced a bill to provide for the reorganization of the Board of Trustees of the University of Georgia, and to provide for the election of the same by the qualified voters of said State, and for other purposes.

This bill was read the first time, and referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

The following bills of the House were read the second time, and recommitted, to wit:

A bill to authorize solvent guarantee companies, fidelity insurance companies, and fidelity banking companies to become surety upon attachment bonds, and upon the bonds of city, county and State officers.

Also, a bill to provide for enforcing the rights of a trustee in a deed, to secure a note or notes, or other debt owing to one or more persons, etc.

Also, a bill to amend an act to fix and define the liability of receivers, trustees, etc., approved December 16, 1895.

The following bills and resolutions of the House were read the second time, and passed to a third reading, to wit:

A bill to change the time of holding the Superior Court of Burke county.

Also, a bill to incorporate the town of Mitchell, in Glascock county.

Also, a bill to prescribe and define a scholastic month.

Also, a bill to provide compensation for election managers and clerks in Wilkes county.

Also, a bill to prescribe regulations for conducting the business of the Supreme Court.

Also, a bill to prescribe the terms of admission into the Georgia School for the Deaf.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the Commercial Bank, of Albany.

Also, a resolution to pay pensions to certain widows and minor children.

Also, a resolution to appoint a committee to examine and report upon the amounts received by the University from the federal government.

The Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Saturday, December 12, 1896, 10 O'clock a. m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The call of the roll was, on motion, dispensed with.

Mr. Van Buren, chairman of the Committee on Journals, reported the Journal correct. It was then read and confirmed by the Senate.

Mr. Callaway, Secretary of the Governor, submitted the following message :

Mr. President:

The Governor has approved the following act of the General Assembly, to wit :

An act to amend an act to incorporate the Monroe Banking, Loan and Guarantee Company, and for other purposes, adopted October 22, 1887, and which was afterwards amended by changing the name of said bank to the "Bank of Forsyth," approved December 4, 1895, by giving the said corporation additional powers, and for other purposes.

Senator Golightly, chairman of Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report :

Mr. President :

Your committee have had under consideration the following bill, which they instruct me to report back, with recommendation that same do pass as amended, to wit :

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of city of Atlanta, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. GOLIGHTLY, Chairman.

Mr. Comas, of the Third District, Chairman pro tem of the Committee on Hygiene and Sanitation, submitted the following report:

Mr. President :

Your Committee on Hygiene and Sanitation have had under consideration the following House bill, which they recommend do pass :

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the poisoning of any spring, well or reservoir of water, to provide a

penalty for the violation of the same, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

COMAS, Chairman pro tem.

Mr. Golightly, Chairman of Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report :

Mr. President :

Your committee have had under consideration the following bills, which they instruct me to report back, with recommendation that same do pass, to wit :

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of Valdosta, approved October 24, 1887, and for other purposes.

A bill to be entitled an act to alter and amend the charter of the town of Barnesville, in Pike county, and for other purposes.

Also, the following bill, which they recommend do not pass :

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the election of their clerks by the board of commissioners of roads and revenues, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. GOLIGHTLY, Chairman.

Mr. Stevens, of the Eleventh District, chairman of

the Appropriations Committee, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Appropriations have had under consideration the following House resolution, which they instruct me to report favorably to the Senate :

A resolution to pay for the services of two additional doorkeepers of the House.

Respectfully submitted.

O. B. STEVENS, Chairman.

Mr. Hopkins submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

The Committee on Relief of Supreme Court have had under consideration Senate bill No. 62, by Mr. Berner of the Twenty-second, being a bill to provide for "a clerk for the Supreme Court Reporter," etc., which they instruct me to return, with the recommendation that the same do pass as amended.

Also, House bill No. 336, by Mr. Whipple of Dooly, entitled an act to regulate the practice in the Superior Court, etc., which I am instructed to return, with the recommendation that the same do not pass.

H. W. HOPKINS, Chairman.

A resolution from the House, petitioning the President of the United States to suspend the sentences of revenue violators, was taken up, on motion of Mr. Walker of the Fortieth District, read and concurred in.

The following bills of the House were read the second time and passed to a third reading, to wit :

A bill "to amend the charter of the city of Atlanta."

A bill "to alter and amend the charter of the town of Barnesville, in Pike county."

A bill "to amend the charter of Valdosta, approved October 24, 1887," etc.

A bill "to prohibit the poisoning of any spring, well or reservoir of water," and

A resolution "to pay the doorkeeper of the House."

Mr. Battle, chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following Senate bills, which they direct me to report, with recommendation that the same do pass :

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act to establish City Courts so far as the same applies to the county of Jackson.

Also, the following Senate bills, which they direct me to report, with recommendation that the same pass as amended.

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the City Court of Jefferson.

A bill to amend an act approved December 17, 1894, entitled an act to provide for the registration of voters in this State.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to authorize solvent guarantee companies and fidelity insurance companies to become surety on certain bonds.

They direct me to report the following bills, with recommendation that they do not pass :

A bill to amend section 2681 of the Code relating to constructive possession of lands.

Also, a bill to provide for enforcing the rights of a trustee in a deed to real property.

They direct me to report the following bills, with request that they be read second time and recommitted.

A bill providing for the reorganization of the Board of Trustees of the State University, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for DeKalb county.

Respectfully submitted.

C. E. BATTLE, Chairman.

Mr. Wilcox was granted leave of absence from this day's session.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed the following House bill by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit:

A bill to make appropriations for the ordinary expense of the State Government for the years 1897 and 1898, and for other purposes.

Mr. Golightly, chairman of Corporation Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Corporations have had under consideration the following bill, which they direct me to report, with recommendation that the same do pass:

A bill amending the charter of Davisboro, in Washington county.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. GOLIGHTLY, Chairman.

The bill of the House "amending the charter of the town of Davisboro, in the county of Washington," was read the second time and passed to a third reading.

The bill of the Senate "to amend an act approved December 17, 1894, entitled an act to provide for the registration of voters in this State," etc., was read the second time and passed to a third reading.

The bill of the House "to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of DeKalb," etc., was read the second time and recommitted.

The following bills of the Senate were read the second time and recommitted :

A bill "to provide for the reorganization of the Board of Trustees of the University of Georgia, and for the election of the same by the qualified voters of this State, and for other purposes," and

A bill "to alter and amend an act to provide for the establishment and government of a State Naval Militia, and for other purposes."

Mr. Gray, by general consent, introduced a bill "to authorize the Commissioner of Agriculture to establish a special department of horticulture and pomology, and for other purposes," which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

The bill of the House "to make appropriations for the ordinary expenses of the State Government for the years 1897 and 1898, and for other purposes," was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and one hundred copies thereof were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Shropshire, Chairman of Special Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report :

Mr. President :

Your committee have had under consideration the following Senate bills, which they instruct me to report back, with recommendation as follows, to wit :

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the time and place of filing the official bonds of county officers, and for other purposes. That this bill do not pass.

A bill to be entitled an act to make women eligible to the office of State Librarian, and for other purposes. That introducer be allowed to withdraw same.

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent hunting with dogs, firearms, etc., where the stock law is in force, and for other purposes. That this bill do pass by substitute.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act incorporating the town of Homerville, in Clinch county, and for other purposes. That this bill do pass as amended.

They also recommend that the following House bill do pass, to wit :

A bill to amend, revise and alter the several acts incorporating the town of Whigham, in the county of Decatur, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

WESLEY SHROPSHIRE, Chairman.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Corporations on the bill of the House "to incorporate the town of Baldwin, in the counties of Banks and Habersham."

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed ; ayes 24, nays 0.

Proof of notice of publication was submitted.

The Senate took up the report of the Special Judi-

ciary Committee on the bill of the Senate "to establish a City Court of Baxley, in Appling county, and for other purposes." The committee reported in favor of its passage with an amendment, which was adopted, and the report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed as amended; ayes 24, nays 0.

Mr. Westmoreland, chairman of the Committee on Engrossing, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have examined, and find properly engrossed and ready to be transmitted to the House, the following bills, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the transfer of corporate stock when used and transferred as collateral security, and to provide for the protection of the holder thereof, and to provide a penalty for the violation of this act, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Ordinary of Appling county to organize chain-gangs of the misdemeanor convicts and work them on the roads in said county, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to provide for establishing public roads, when landowners consent thereto and donate land for same, and to avoid delay and cost of advertising, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act to establish a County Court in and for the county of Appling.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to give parties in all City Courts in this State, established upon the recommendation of Grand Juries, under and by virtue of acts of the General Assembly approved October 19, 1891, and published on page 96 of the acts of 1891, and an act approved December 23, 1892, and published on page 107 of the acts of 1892, the right of appeal to the Superior Court.

Respectfully submitted.

G. F. WESTMORELAND, Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Atkinson, the bill of the Senate "to prevent hunting with dogs, firearms, etc., on lands of another in stock law districts," etc., was, without being read the second time, recommitted to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Shropshire was permitted to withdraw a bill "to make women eligible to the office of State Librarian."

The bill of the Senate "to repeal an act incorporating the town of Homerville, in Clinch county," etc., was read the second time and passed to a third reading.

The bill of the House "to amend, revise and alter the several acts incorporating the town of Whigham, in the county of Decatur," was read the second time and passed to a third reading.

Mr. Westmoreland, chairman of the Committee on Engrossing, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have examined, and find properly

engrossed and ready to be transmitted to the House, the following bill, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the mayor and council of the town of Millen to issue bonds to the amount of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) for the purpose of constructing academy or academies, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

G. F. WESTMORELAND, Chairman.

The Senate took up the report of the Special Judiciary Committee on the bill of the House "to incorporate the town of Mitchell, in the county of Glascock."

Proof of publication was submitted.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed; ayes 23, nays 0.

The Senate took up the report of the General Judiciary Committee on the bill of the House "to change the time for holding the fall term of the Superior Court of Henry county."

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed; ayes 24, nays 0.

The Senate took up the report of the Special Judiciary Committee on the bill of the House "to provide

compensation for election managers and clerks in the county of Wilkes."

Proof of legal notice was submitted.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed; ayes 23, nays 0.

The bill of the Senate "to provide for a clerk for the Supreme Court Reporter, and for other purposes," was taken up for a third reading under report of the Committee for the Relief of the Supreme Court.

The committee reported in favor of its passage, with an amendment which was adopted, and the report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed as amended; ayes 24, nays 0.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Banks on the bill of the House "to amend the charter of the Commercial Bank of Albany."

The committee reported in favor of its passage, with an amendment which was adopted, and the report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed; ayes 29, nays 0.

The following bills of the House, reported favorably by committees, were read the third time and passed as indicated, to wit:

A bill "to authorize the appointment of a Commissioner of Pensions, to prescribe the powers and duties of such Commissioner, and for other purposes."

Ayes 23. nays 1.

A bill "to prescribe and define a scholastic month."

Ayes 26. nays 0.

A bill "to change the present corporate limits of Americus," etc.

Proof of publication was submitted.

Ayes 24. nays 0.

A bill "to amend an act approved October 3, 1875, to regulate and control certain convicts in the county of Bibb, etc., and for other purposes."

Proof of publication was submitted.

Ayes 24. nays 0.

A bill "to fix the bond of the Treasurer of Richmond county

Proof of publication was submitted.

Ayes 24. nays 0.

Mr. Shropshire, chairman of Special Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the

following bill, which they instruct me to report back, with recommendation that same do pass, to wit :

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the town of Boston, in Thomas county, and for other purposes.

Also the following bills as amended :

A bill to be entitled an act to establish a City Court for the city of Monroe, in Walton county, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act to create a County Court in the county of Walton, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

WESLEY SHROPSHIRE, Chairman.

The Senate took up the report of the Special Judiciary Committee on the bill of the Senate "to repeal an act to fix the compensation of the County Treasurer of Meriwether county, approved February 19, 1876," etc.

Proof of notice by publication was submitted.

The committee reported in favor of its passage, with an amendment which was adopted, and the report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed as amended ; ayes 25, nays 0.

The Senate took up the report of the General Judiciary Committee on the bill of the Senate "to repeal an

act to establish City Courts in the counties having a population of 15,000 or more, so far as the same applies to the county of Jackson," etc.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed; ayes 24, nays 0.

A bill of the Senate "to change the time of holding the Superior Court of Banks county" was laid on the table, a Senate bill from the House pending in the Senate.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Banks on the bill of the Senate "to provide for the uniform amendment of bank charters."

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed; ayes 25, nays 0.

The Senate took up the report of the General Judiciary Committee on the bill of the Senate "to establish a City Court of Jefferson, in the city of Jefferson, Jackson county."

Proof of publication was submitted.

The committee reported in favor of its passage, with amendments which were adopted, and the report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed as amended; ayes 23, nays 0.

The Senate took up the report of the General Judiciary Committee on the bill of the House "to authorize solvent Guarantee companies, Fidelity Insurance companies and Fidelity Deposit companies to become security upon attachment bonds and upon the bonds of city, county and State officers."

The committee reported in favor of its passage, with amendments which were adopted, and the report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed as amended; ayes 25, nays 0.

The Senate took up the resolution from the House "to pay a pension to the widows or minor children of certain deceased Confederate veterans."

The committee reported in favor of concurring therein, with amendments which were adopted, and the report was agreed to.

The resolution was read the third time, and on the question of concurrence therein, as amended, the ayes and nays were recorded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Ham,	Starr,
Battle,	Hopkins,	Stewart, 27th,
Brinson,	Kemp,	Strother,
Castleberry,	Kilpatrick,	Turner,
Comas,	Mann,	Van Buren,
Culver,	McFarland,	Walker, 40th,
Everett,	Redwine,	Westmoreland,
Flynt,	Sheffield,	Wooten,
Golightly,	Shropshire,	Mr. President.
Gray,		

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Allen,	Flewellen,	Stewart, 34th,
Blalock,	Geiger,	Thomson,
Brooke,	Goldin,	Walker, 18th,
Carter,	Hudson,	Wilcox,
Cook,	Stevens,	Witcher.
Dunwody,		

Ayes 28. Nays 0. Not voting 16.

So the resolution, as amended, was concurred in.

Mr. Battle offered a resolution providing for a committee of three from the House and two from the Senate to report on the adjournment.

The resolution was read and agreed to.

Mr. Gray introduced a resolution inviting the Hon. W J Bryan to visit the General Assembly of Georgia, which was agreed to unanimously by a rising vote.

Mr. Hopkins introduced a resolution providing that from and after Monday next no leave of absence shall be granted except for providential cause.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Battle, the response of Mr. Carter to a resolution adopted by the Senate on the 7th inst. was ordered to be spread on the Journal, and is as follows, to wit:

THE RESOLUTION

Mr President:

“On December 7th the following resolution was passed by this body:

“Whereas, Heretofore, to wit, on the 2d day of December, while the bill of Senator Hopkins, seeking to so amend the Constitution as to require the elections of judges and solicitors-general by the people, was under discussion, Senator Carter, from the Thirty-first District, in discussing the bill, said in substance as follows: “Some of the men who have been elected to the office of judges of the Superior Court are a disgrace to the people,” and did also say in substance as follows: “There are men on the bench to-day who are worse than the convicts whom they sentenced to the penitentiary, and let not the Senators call on me for names, lest I give them;” and

“Whereas, On the 7th day of December, Senator Carter, of the Thirty-first District, in explaining what he said before the Senate on December 2d, in substance reiterated the charges above made, and stated that he would, if called upon in the proper manner, furnish the name or names of the parties or judges he had reference to; and

“Whereas, Such charges are a serious reflection upon the judiciary of the State, and cause a suspicion to arise as to the integrity of each judge of the Superior Court in the State; and

“Whereas, The State cannot afford to have corrupt judges administering the laws of the State, but such judges should be intelligent and honest and free from suspicion of corruption; and

“Whereas, It is the sense of this Senate that the charges hereinbefore made should be fully investigated; therefore, be it

“Resolved, That Senator Carter be and is hereby requested to furnish to this body, in writing, the names of the judges whom he has charged with corruption, and such evidence as he may have to sustain such

charges, so that the Senate may take such action in the premises as it may, in its wisdom, deem proper and just.'

"I call your attention to my statement embodied in the above resolutions, where I declare that the names would be furnished when I was called on in a proper manner. At that time I suggested that the resolutions contain a provision for the appointment of a committee from this body, before which I might appear with witnesses and substantiate the charges made.

"One of the Senators who introduced the resolution said: 'We have introduced it with the utmost good faith. It is our duty to the citizens of Georgia to ascertain the facts.'

"Yet my suggestion, which provided the only way in which this matter could be properly considered, was not acted upon, the resolution as passed simply requesting me to give the names and testimony in writing. Under that provision the testimony would necessarily be voluntary, and, though doubtless sufficient for certain cases, would not make it possible to consider this matter as thoroughly as the gentlemen who signed the resolution might wish or the people of this State demand.

"The people want the whole truth, not a part of it. They want the commission of every unworthy servant revoked, not that of one scapegoat.

"That this matter be undertaken in no half-handed manner, I will give you some insight as to the probable scope of the investigation.

"Not only have the statements of Senators received no consideration, but it is a matter of record that statements made by a Governor, reflecting severely on our courts, also receives no consideration. Whether we are living in a purer atmosphere than two years ago, or whether it is because our representatives and judges are

nearer to each other than formerly, or whether it is believed that a Senator is more capable of furnishing evidence than a retiring Governor, I do not know. The people of this State must decide.

“Yet the fact remains that after the reading of Governor Northen’s last message to the General Assembly, impugning as it did the judges and solicitors of this State, no one was heard to cry out: ‘Governor, do you intend to reflect on my own judge?’

“Governor Northen says:

“‘It is a question worthy of your consideration as to whether the common public should bear the expense for the maintenance of a criminal in the county jail, after conviction, unless, because of some physical infirmity, he may be unable to bear heavier penalties under severer and more disgraceful methods.

“‘There are many grave objections to the alternative penalty imposed by fines. My candid judgment compels me to believe that this system would be greatly abridged. In some cases I have reason to know that penalties would not have been inflicted at all were it not for the fine to be distributed in final settlement.

“‘As the executive of the State I have been asked, time and again, to fix alternative penalties in fines, when the innocence of the party was partially, if not wholly, conceded. It is dangerous to trust the liberties and the rights of the people to such a powerful temptation on the part of the officers of the law.

“‘Again, the social conditions that exist in our State make it possible for the fines to be paid by innocent parties. This system, under such policy, amounts practically, in some sense, to compounding a crime. The officers of our courts should be paid salaries, so that they may be relieved from the temptation to wrong-doing

toward unfortunate citizens who can be convicted for a price.'

"The extracts I have just read to you are taken from Governor Northen's last message to the General Assembly of this State, written when his successor was already elected to office; written when he had no political ax to grind; written apparently attacking a system, but with such an avowed knowledge of corruption that I must believe it was done with the hope that the body to whom it was addressed would not only correct the evils of the system, but investigate and punish those who had profited by it, and, with the evidence that he could produce, then and there shatter the unholy combination of judicial officials that at that time was rejoicing in its complete triumph over the people of this State.

"I declared that there were judges who were worse than some of the criminals they had sentenced to the chain-gang. Governor Northen declared that innocent men could be convicted for a price. Hear him:

"'In some cases I have reason to know (he does not say believe) that penalties would not have been inflicted at all were it not for the fines to be distributed in final settlement.'

"Who but the judges of the State can inflict penalties?

"He declared that innocent men were sentenced for the money that was in it for final distribution, but no man raised his voice to help this Governor in what would have been the grandest act of his administration—the purging of the judiciary of the State.

"Senators, there are men on the bench to-day who were judges then. There were representatives in that General Assembly who are Senators now

"In conclusion, I say if you create the machinery

cessary for a thorough investigation of this matter; you inaugurate an investigation that can embrace the whole State if necessary, I shall not only co-operate, but take the initiative, no matter how thankless the task may prove. There should be an investigation of these matters. They make a blot on the fair name of Georgia. Let it be inaugurated in the proper way and in the utmost good faith by the Legislature, and the good people of the State will lend their aid, and the work will not be a fruitless fiasco. I stand on the statement made to the Senate on the 2d. I will specify charges and furnish names of witnesses when it can be done in proper manner.

“And now, Mr. President, in conclusion, I request that this be spread upon the Journal.”

Mr. Battle, in behalf of himself and Senators Starr, Hopkins, Ham and Kilpatrick, introduced the following resolution which was read and adopted, to wit:

“Whereas, On the 2d day of December, 1896, Senator Carter, of the Thirty-first District, did, on the floor of the Senate, attack the integrity of the judiciary of this State and stated that he would furnish the names of such judges if demanded by the Senators; and

“Whereas, On the 7th day of December, 1896, Senator Carter, of the Thirty-first District, stated in open Senate that he would furnish the names of the judges whose integrity he had attacked with evidence to sustain such charges if called upon in the proper manner: and

“Whereas, The Senate did, on the 7th day of December, 1896, pass the following resolutions, to wit:

“‘Whereas, Heretofore, to wit, on the 2d day of December, while the bill of Senator Hopkins seeking to

so amend the constitution as to require the elections of Judges and Solicitors-General by the people, was under discussion, Senator Carter, from the Thirty-first District, in discussing the bill, said in substance as follows: "Some of the men who have been elected to the office of Judges of the Superior Court are a disgrace to the people," and did also say in substance as follows: "There are men on the bench to-day who are worse than the convicts whom they sentenced to the penitentiary, and let not the Senators call on me for names lest I give them;" and

"Whereas, On the 7th day of December, Senator Carter, of the Thirty-first District, in explaining what he said before the Senate on December 2d, in substance reiterated the charges above made, and stated that he would, if called upon in the proper manner, furnish the name or names of the parties or judges he had reference to; and

"Whereas, Such charges are a serious reflection upon the judiciary of the State and causes a suspicion to arise as to the integrity of each judge of the Superior Court in the State; and

"Whereas, The State cannot afford to have corrupt judges administering the laws of the State, but such judges should be intelligent and honest and free from suspicion of corruption; and

"Whereas, It is the sense of this Senate that the charges hereinbefore made should be fully investigated; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That Senator Carter be and is hereby requested to furnish to this body in writing the names of the judges whom he has charged with corruption, and such evidence as he may have to sustain such charges,

that the Senate may take such action in the premises it may, in its wisdom, deem proper and just; and

“Whereas, The Senator from the Thirty-first district, in response to the request made upon him, did, on the 11th day of December, 1896, make a statement to the Senate in writing in which he declined and refused to give the names of the guilty parties or to furnish the evidence of their guilt to the Senate unless an investigation was inaugurated for that purpose; and

“Whereas, It is not the province of or within the jurisdiction of the Senate to investigate charges of this character in view of the fact that the Senate may ultimately become the tribunal to pass upon and determine the truth of said charges; and

“Whereas, The duty of inaugurating such an investigation is lodged by the constitution in the House of Representatives; and

“Whereas, The Senate has exhausted all methods consistent with its power under the constitution with respect to said charges, in an effort to ascertain the names of the parties and the evidence of their guilt; therefore, be it

“Resolved by the Senate, That it is the sense of the Senate that the Senator from the Thirty-first who claims to know the guilty parties and to possess the evidence of their guilt, should have furnished the same to the Senate, and should now do so in response to the resolution passed by this body on December 7, 1896, and therein set forth, so that the same might be transmitted to the House of Representatives whose special province is to investigate charges of this character.”

The Senate, on motion, adjourned until 3:30 o'clock p. m.

Senate Chamber, 3:30 p. m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the President pro tem.

The roll-call was, on motion, dispensed with.

The Committee on Adjournment, under resolution of Mr. Battle, are Messrs. Battle, Kilpatrick and Stevens.

The following bills of the House were read the second time and passed to a third reading, to wit :

A bill to repeal an act to create a County Court for the county of Walton, etc.

A bill to establish a City Court for the city of Monroe in the county of Walton.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the town of Boston, in Thomas county.

The Senate took a recess for fifteen minutes, and was called to order at the expiration of this period.

Mr. Flewellen submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

The Committee on Pensions has had under consideration the following Senate resolution, No. 21, and directs that it be reported back, with recommendation that the introducer be allowed to withdraw the resolution, to wit: A resolution providing for the allowance of a pension to Mrs. Sarah Powers, and for other purposes.

E. A. FLEWELLEN, Chairman.

Permission was given the introducer of the bill mentioned in the foregoing report to withdraw the same.

Mr. Shropshire, by general consent, introduced a bill to amend the act approved December 20, 1893, providing for the filing, hearing and determining election contests."

This bill was read the first time and referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Hopkins introduced a resolution "providing for a joint session of the General Assembly on Monday next at 4 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of electing a judge of the Southwestern Circuit.

This resolution was agreed to and ordered immediately transmitted to the House.

House resolution providing for a joint committee to inquire in regard to Federal appropriations to the University of Georgia was ordered immediately transmitted to the House.

The resolution of the Senate inviting the Hon. W J Bryan to visit the General Assembly was also ordered to be transmitted to the House.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has concurred in the following resolutions of the Senate, to wit:

A resolution to appoint a committee of three from

the Senate and five from the House to investigate and report when the General Assembly shall adjourn.

Also, a resolution extending an invitation to Wm. J. Bryan and a cordial welcome during his visit to the State of Georgia.

The Senate, on motion, adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m., Monday next.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Monday, December 14, 1896, 10 O'clock a. m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, the President presiding.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

On the call of the roll the following Senators answered to their names :

Allen,	Goldin,	Stevens,
Atkinson,	Golightly,	Stewart, 27th,
Blalock,	Gray,	Stewart, 34th,
Brinson,	Ham,	Strother,
Brooke,	Hopkins,	Thomson,
Carter,	Hudson,	Turner,
Castleberry,	Kemp,	Walker, 18th.
Comas,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 40th,
Cook,	Mann,	Westmoreland,
Dunwody,	McFarland,	Wilcox,
Everett,	Redwine,	Witcher,
Flewellen,	Sheffield,	Wooten,
Flynt,	Shropshire,	Mr. President.
Geiger,	Starr,	

Those absent were Messrs.—

Battle,	Culver,	Van Buren.
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Mr. Thomson, from the Committee on Journals, reported the Journal correct. It was read and confirmed by the Senate.

The special order of this morning, after the reading of the Journal, to wit :

The motion of Mr. Walker, of the Eighteenth District, to reconsider a bill of the Senate "to amend section 2385 of the Code of 1882, in reference to processioning lands," etc.

The motion to reconsider was lost.

On motion of Mr. Redwine, a bill of the Senate "to establish City Courts in counties having a population of 15,000 or more, so far as the county of Jackson is concerned," etc., was reconsidered, and, on his further motion, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Redwine, the bill of the Senate "to establish a City Court for Jefferson, in Jackson county," was reconsidered and laid on the table.

Mr. Shropshire, chairman of Special Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report :

Mr. President :

Your committee have had under consideration the following bill, which they instruct me to report back, with the recommendation that same do pass by substitute, to wit :

A bill to be entitled an act to create a commissioner

of roads and revenues for the county of Jackson, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

WESLEY SHROPSHIRE, Chairman.

Mr. Golightly, chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

The Committee on Corporations have had under consideration the following House bills, which they direct me to report to the Senate, with request that they be read second time and recommitted :

A bill to authorize the City Council of Augusta to grant the use of the streets of the city of Augusta to any railroad company or corporation, by steam locomotive or other power, longitudinally or otherwise.

A bill to amend the charter of Battle Hill.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. GOLIGHTLY, Chairman.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof :

Mr. President:

The House has passed the following House bills by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit :

A bill to levy and collect a tax for the support of the State government.

Also, a bill to incorporate the town of Rochelle.

Also, a bill to incorporate the town of Homerville.

Also, a bill to establish a system of public schools in the town of Raccoon, in Chattooga county.

Also, a bill to provide for the payment of fees of the Clerk of the Superior Court, Sheriff, Solicitor of the County Court and Justice Courts.

Also, a bill to authorize the commissioners of Chatham county to fill vacancies in their board.

Also, a bill to authorize the Georgia Security and Banking Company to exchange real estate for stocks, etc.

Also, a bill to amend an act to incorporate the Atlanta Loan and Trust Company.

Also, a bill to establish a City Court of Coffee county

Also, a bill to confirm a grant to the trustees of Wesley Monumental church, for the Methodist Episcopal church of the city of Savannah.

The House has also adopted the following resolution, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution to supply a deficiency in the contingent fund.

The bill of the House "to amend the charter of Battle Hill, and for other purposes," was read the second time and recommitted.

Mr. Turner offered a resolution "that all unfinished business of the present session shall go over to the session of 1897 and occupy the same position on the calendar as at this session."

The resolution was agreed to.

The bill of the House "to authorize the city council of Augusta to grant the use of the streets of Augusta to any railroad company or corporation," etc., was read the second time and recommitted.

Mr. Kemp introduced a resolution tendering a seat to Hon. Alfred Herrington, of Emanuel county

This resolution was adopted.

Mr. Walker, of the Eighteenth District, offered a resolution inviting Hon. Boykin Wright, of Augusta, to a seat in the Senate, which was adopted.

Mr. Wilcox, by general consent, withdrew an act "to repeal an act incorporating the town of Homerville, in Clinch county"

The Senate took up the report of the Special Judiciary Committee on the bill of the Senate "to create a Commissioner of Roads and Revenues of Jackson county, and for other purposes."

Proof of legal notice was submitted.

The committee reported in favor of its passage by substitute, which was adopted, and the report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed as amended by substitute ; ayes 24, nays 0.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on the General Judiciary on the bill of the Senate "to amend an act approved December 17, 1894, entitled an act to provide for the registration of voters in this State, etc., and for other purposes."

The committee reported in favor of the passage of the same with amendments, which were adopted and the report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed as amended ; ayes 25, nays 0.

On motion of Mr. Turner, this bill was ordered to be transmitted immediately to the House.

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Mr. Stevens, chairman of the Appropriation Committee, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

The Committee on Appropriations have had under consideration the following House bill which they direct me to report to the Senate, with the recommendation that it be read the second time and recommitted:

A bill to make appropriations for the ordinary expenses of the various departments of the State government.

O. B. STEVENS, Chairman.

The bill of the House "to provide for enforcing the rights of a trustee in a deed to real estate made to secure

a note or notes or other debt owing to one or more persons," was taken up under adverse report of the General Judiciary Committee and lost by agreement with said report.

By resolutions Hons. W. B. Young, M. P. Carroll, Joseph Lamar of Augusta, Hon. Herman Myers, Geo. W. Tiedeman and Thos. Screven of the city of Savannah, Hon. A. T. McIntyre of Thomas county, and Hon. A. L. Hull of the county of Clarke, were invited to seats in the Senate.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Corporations on the bill of the House "to amend the charter of the city of Atlanta."

Proof of legal notice was submitted.

The committee reported in favor of its passage with an amendment, which was adopted, and the report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed as amended; ayes 25, nays 0.

The following report was made by Mr. Dunwody, chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Military Affairs have had under consideration the following bill of the Senate, which they direct me to report, with recommendation that the same do pass.

A bill to alter and amend an act to provide for the

establishment and government of a State Naval Militia and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY F DUNWODY, Chairman.

The following message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, through Mr. Callaway, his Private Secretary :

Executive Department,
Atlanta, Georgia, December 14, 1896.

Mr. President:

I am directed by the Governor to deliver to the General Assembly a communication in writing.

By resolution, the Hon. E. E. McGregor, of the county of Warren, and the Hon. J. H. Thomas were invited to seats in the Senate.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Relief of the Supreme Court on the bill of the House "to prescribe regulations for conducting the business of the Supreme Court on and after the first day of January, 1897 "

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed ; ayes 28, nays 0.

Mr. Brinson, chairman of Committee on Enrollment, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

Your committee have examined the following act, and find it duly enrolled and ready for the signatures of the Secretary and President of Senate, to wit :

An act to amend section 1656 of the Code of Georgia, 1882, so as to make women eligible to the office of State Librarian, and for other purposes.

[Respectfully submitted.

E. L. BRINSON, Chairman.

The communication of His Excellency, the Governor, was taken up, read and referred to the Committee on Appropriations, said communication referring to an exhibit of Georgia at the Nashville Centennial.

Mr. Hudson, from the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

The Committee on Agriculture have had under consideration a bill of the Senate "to establish a Special Department of Horticulture and Pomology in connection with the Department of Agriculture," and ask that this bill be read the second time and recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture.

T. G. HUDSON, Chairman.

The bill referred to in this report was read the second time and recommitted.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on

Military on the bill of the Senate "to alter and amend an act entitled an act to provide for the establishment and government of a State Naval Militia, and for other purposes."

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed; ayes 25, nays 0.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Hygiene on the bill of the House "to prohibit the poisoning of any spring, well or reservoir of water, to provide a penalty," etc.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed; ayes 28, nays 1.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed the following bill of the House by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit:

A bill to incorporate the city of Tallapoosa, in Haralson county.

Mr. McFarland, chairman of Committee on Public Schools, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Public Schools have had under

consideration the following Senate bill, which they direct me to report back, with recommendation that it do pass as amended.

Respectfully submitted.

T. F. McFARLAND, Chairman.

Mr. Westmoreland, chairman of the Engrossing Committee, submitted the following report :

Mr. President :

The Engrossing Committee have had under consideration the following Senate bills, which they direct me to report as duly engrossed and ready to be transmitted to the House of Representatives :

A bill to be entitled an act to require all claimants of land sold under transferred wild land tax fi. fas., or under insufficient advertisement of transferred or untransferred wild land tax fi. fas. prior to the first day of January, eighteen hundred and eighty, to bring suit for such land within thirty-six months, and to provide for the manner of bringing such suits, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the uniform amendment of bank charters.

Also, a bill to repeal an act to fix the compensation of the County Treasurer of Meriwether county.

Also, a bill to provide for a clerk for the Supreme Court reporter, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

G. F. WESTMORELAND, Chairman.

The bill of the House "to levy and collect a tax for the support of the government and the public institutions, for educational purposes, to pay the interest on the public debt, to pay the pensions of Confederate soldiers, and for other purposes," was read the first time, referred to the Finance Committee, and one hundred copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock p. m.

3 O'clock p. m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

The roll-call was, on motion, dispensed with.

The following bills of the House were read the first time and referred as indicated, to wit :

A bill "to provide for the payment of the fees of the clerk of the Superior Court, Sheriff, Solicitor of the County Court, Justices of the Peace, Notaries Public, and Constables in certain cases."

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also, a bill "to establish a City Court of Coffee County, and for other purposes."

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also, a bill "to establish a system of public schools in the town of Raccoon, in Chattooga county and for other purposes."

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also, a bill "to incorporate the town of Rochelle into the city of Rochelle, and for other purposes."

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also, a bill "to amend an act approved October 24, 1887, entitled an act to incorporate the Atlanta Loan and Trust Company "

Referred to the Committee on Banks.

Also, a bill "to confirm a grant to the trustees of Wesley Monumental Church for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Savannah," etc.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also, a bill "to repeal an act to incorporate the town of Homerville, in the county of Clinch, and for other purposes."

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also, a bill "to authorize the Georgia Security and Banking Company to exchange real estate for stock," etc.

Referred to the Committee on Banks.

Also, a bill "to repeal an act incorporating the city of Tallapoosa, in the county of Haralson."

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also, a bill "to authorize the commissioners of Chat-ham county to fill vacancies in their board."

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

The general appropriation bill was read the second time and recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

By resolution of Mr. Golightly, the Hon. W. B. Berry, of the county of Coweta, was invited to a seat in the Senate.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Corporations on the bill of the Senate "to amend the charter of the Atlanta and West Point Railroad Company."

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed; ayes 26, nays 0.

Mr. Golightly moved that this bill be immediately transmitted to the House, which motion prevailed.

A resolution of the House "to provide for supplying deficiency in the contingent fund" was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The bill of the Senate "to authorize the State School Commissioner to grant permanent license to certain graduates of the Normal and Industrial College at Milledgeville" was read the second time and passed to a third reading.

Mr. Comas, chairman of the Committee for the Deaf, submitted the following report, one hundred copies of which were ordered printed for the use of the Senate:

Mr. President:

Your committee appointed to visit the Georgia School for Deaf beg to submit the following report :

We find that the finances of the institution have been properly and judiciously expended, and that bills and accounts from September, 1895, to October, 1896, have been properly accounted for, and your committee cannot too highly commend the system of bookkeeping in vogue there, which is perfect in its detail.

We find that the colored department is very much in need of a kitchen, as the one in use is entirely inadequate to the present needs of the institution on account of its size, and we recommend that a new one be built.

We also recommend that the sum of five thousand dollars be appropriated to heat the institution with steam, which, when accomplished, will result in a great economy of fuel, amounting to three hundred dollars per year.

We also recommend that the sum of two thousand dollars be appropriated to erect and furnish electric lighting, as the present lighting is done by tallow candles, kerosene being dangerous for the children to use, and on that account the management is restricted to the use of candles.

We recommend that fifteen hundred dollars be appropriated for the repair of the buildings and painting of them, and we think that this should be done as speedily as possible, as it will take an increased amount for repairs the longer it is delayed.

We also recommend that the sum of six thousand dollars be given, as soon as it is practicable to do so, to erect and furnish a gymnasium and industrial hall for the girls.

We find that the most pressing need of this most worthy institution is an appropriation of two thousand five hundred dollars to equip the excellent shop that has been built at a cost of fifty-five hundred dollars (\$5,500), with all the modern machinery necessary to instruct these poor unfortunates in the various trades or callings, whereby they may be better enabled to become useful citizens when they leave this institution. We cannot too strongly urge that this be done, for the following reasons :

We find that on account of the absence of manual training, the pupils, after the long years of stay in the institution, leave there with no trade or occupation, which is very conducive to a condition of professional mendacity, and they then are a charge on communities or individuals for their support and maintenance on this account, which will be very readily corrected by supplying the shop with the apparatus they need, so that they may be taught the various trades, such as harness and shoemaking, painting, wood and iron work of various kinds, so that they may have the opportunity of becoming skilled operatives in the various manual occupations.

We cannot too strongly recommend this to the attention of the members of the General Assembly, as we regard this as the most important addition to this worthy Institution.

We find the buildings and grounds, with the live stock of the institution, all in an excellent condition, with the hygienic and sanitary arrangements simply perfect.

We cannot too strongly commend the able and efficient principal, Mr. Connor, aided and assisted by a worthy staff of assistants. Too much cannot be said in their praise when we consider the kind and sympathetic care necessary on their part to properly teach and instruct these, "the children of silence."

The results that have been accomplished under Mr. Connor's system of management entitles him to the highest commendations of the whole people of Georgia.

Respectfully submitted.

P H. COMAS, Chairman.

The Senate, on motion, adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Tuesday, December 15, 1896, 10 O'clock a. m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The roll-call was, on motion, dispensed with.

Mr. Van Buren, Chairman of the Committee on Journals, reported the Journal correct. It was then read and confirmed by the Senate.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed the following House bills by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit:

A bill to amend section 3462 of the Code of 1882, that all pleas to the jurisdiction be filed separately.

Also, a bill to appropriate twenty-five hundred dollars to pay for publishing the Code of 1895.

Also, a bill to make clear and define the meaning of an act to allow pensions to certain Confederate soldiers and widows of Confederate soldiers.

Also, a bill to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues of Pulaski county.

Also, a bill to pay for and retire bonds of this State as they mature as provided for in article 7, section 14, paragraph 1 of the constitution of 1877.

Also, a bill to protect the fish, oysters, clams, shrimp, terrapins, crabs, etc., in Christmas creek and tributary streams.

Also, a bill to repeal the second section of an act approved March 1, 1875, to fix the compensation of the county treasurer of Jefferson county.

Also, a bill to appropriate two hundred and twenty-five dollars to pay certain pensions.

Also, a bill to prohibit hunting and fishing on the lands of another in DeKalb.

Also, a bill to authorize the sale of the Northeastern Railroad.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the Georgia College of Eclectic Medicine.

The House has also adopted the following resolution in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution to accept a portrait of Hon. R. U. Har-
deman to be placed in the office of the Treasury

Also, a resolution to relieve the Darien and Western
Railway Company.

Also, a resolution to provide for an election of a
judge for the Southwestern Circuit.

Also, a resolution making additional appropriation
for the contingent fund.

Also, a resolution authorizing the Governor to ap-
point delegates to the Good Roads Congress.

The House has also concurred in the Senate resolu-
tion, to wit :

A resolution providing for the appointing of two
men for the floor by the Doorkeeper.

The joint resolution of the House "to provide for the
election of a judge of the Southwestern Circuit," was
taken up, under a suspension of the rules, and con-
curred in.

Mr. Turner, under a suspension of the rules, intro-
duced a joint resolution "providing that the keeper of
public buildings or other proper authority be instructed
to arrange for lighting the Senate Chamber with elec-
tricity.

This resolution was agreed to.

The special order of to-day, which had been displaced
temporarily, was taken up and put upon its passage.

The bill was reported favorably by the Committee on Hygiene, to whom it was referred.

The report was amended, on motion of Mr. Gray, by striking out all of section third after line "3."

The report was further amended, on motion of Mr. Walker, of the Eighteenth, by adding the following proviso at the close of the fourth section, to wit:

Provided, This act shall apply to no county unless first recommended to be carried into effect by the Board of Education of the county

The report was further amended by adding thereto a repealing clause to be section 5.

The report, as amended, was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time, and on the question of its passage as amended, the ayes and nays were required to be recorded.

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Flynt,	Starr,
Battle,	Golightly,	Stevens,
Blalock,	Gray,	Stewart, 34th,
Brinson,	Hopkins,	Strother,
Brooke,	Hudson,	Thomson,
Comas,	Kemp,	Turner,
Cook,	McFarland,	Westmoreland,
Culver,	Redwine,	Witcher,
Everett,	Sheffield,	Wooten,
Flewellen,	Shropshire,	

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Goldin,	Van Buren,
Castleberry,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 18th,
Dunwody,	Mann,	Walker, 40th,
Geiger,	Stewart, 27th,	Wilcox.

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Carter,

Ham,

Mr. President.

Ayes 29. Nays 12. Not voting 3.

So the bill, as amended, was passed by constitutional majority.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof :

Mr. President:

The House has passed the following House bills by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit :

A bill to change the charter of the town of Arabi, in Dooly county.

Also, a bill to appropriate \$2,750 for the purpose of reimbursing the Code Commissioners.

Also, a bill to incorporate the town of Livonia.

Also, a bill to amend an act consolidating the laws governing the analysis and sale of fertilizers, etc.

The House has also adopted the following resolution in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit :

A resolution to suspend the collection of taxes in the county of McIntosh for the year 1896.

Mr. Brinson, Chairman of the Committee on Enrollment, made the following report :

Mr. President:

The Committee on Enrollment have had under consideration the following acts, which they report duly enrolled and ready for the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate, to wit:

An act to define the powers of the Recorder of the city of Augusta as to fines and penalties to be imposed by him for violations of the rules, regulations, etc.

Also, an act to amend the charter of the city of Augusta by authorizing the city council of Augusta to impose license taxes upon all occupations, etc., by residents or non-residents, and for other purposes.

Also, an act to authorize the Supreme Court to appoint three additional shorthand writers, and for other purposes.

Also, an act to amend an act to incorporate the American Trust and Banking Company, approved August 29th, 1889, and also an act amendatory thereof, approved December 20th, 1890.

Also, an act to amend section 943(a) of the Code of 1882, and acts amendatory thereto, providing for State Depositories, so as to add thereto Statesboro, Toccoa, Moultrie in Colquitt, and Eastman in Dodge county.

Also, an act to authorize the appointment of a Commissioner of Pensions, to prescribe the powers and duties of such commissioner, and for other purposes.

Also, an act to amend the charter of the town of Oakland City, and for other purposes.

Also, an act to prescribe who are qualified to vote in all elections in the village of Summerville, in the county of Richmond, and for other purposes.

Also, an act to amend section 1288 of the Code of 1882.

Also, an act to incorporate the city of Elberton in Elbert county, to change the name of the town of Elberton to the city of Elberton, and for other purposes.

Also, the following joint resolution, to wit :

A joint resolution providing for the appropriation of the sum of one hundred and thirty dollars to defray the expenses of the recent inaugural ceremonies.

Respectfully submitted.

E. L. BRINSON, Chairman.

Mr. Golightly, Chairman of Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following bill, which they instruct me to report back with recommendation that same do pass, to wit :

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the city council of Augusta to grant the use of the streets to any railroad company or corporation, and for other purposes.

Also, the following bill, which they recommend do not pass, to wit :

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act to create the office of Commissioner of Public Works for the city of Savannah, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F GOLIGHTLY, Chairman.

Mr. Golightly, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following bill, which they instruct me to report back, with recommendation that same do pass as amended, to wit :

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of Battle Hill, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F GOLIGHTLY, Chairman.

Mr. Battle, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following bill, which they direct me to report back, with the recommendation that the same do pass as amended, to wit :

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the reor-

ganization of the Board of Trustees of the University of Georgia and for the election of the same by the qualified voters of the State, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

C. E. BATTLE, Chairman.

The following minority report was submitted :

Mr. President:

The General Judiciary Committee having had under consideration Senate Bill No. 69, a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the reorganization of the Board of Trustees of the University of Georgia, and for the election of the same by the qualified voters of this State, and for other purposes, and said committee having reported that said bill do pass, we, the undersigned members of said committee, beg leave to submit a minority report, and recommend that the same do not pass as amended.

Respectfully submitted.

WESLEY SHROPSHIRE,
J. D. KILPATRICK.

Mr. Westmoreland, Chairman Engrossing Committee, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

The Engrossing Committee have examined and direct me to report as duly engrossed and ready to be transmitted to the House the following Senate bill, to wit :

A bill to be entitled an act to alter and amend an act entitled an act to provide for the establishment and government of a State Naval Militia, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

G. F. WESTMORELAND, Chairman.

Mr. Starr, Chairman of Committee on Education, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following House resolution, which they instruct me to report back, with the recommendation that same be concurred in, to wit :

A joint resolution providing that a committee be appointed to attend the commencement exercises of the University in 1897

Respectfully submitted.

O. N STARR, Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Battle, the Senate reconsidered its action of yesterday on the bill of the House "to provide for enforcing the right of a trustee in and to real property made to secure a note or notes or other debt owing to one or more persons."

This bill was recommitted to the General Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Hudson, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, made the following report :

Mr. President:

The Committee on Agriculture have had under consideration Senate Bill No. 70, by Mr. Gray, which they recommend do pass with amendments, to wit :

A bill "to require the Commissioner of Agriculture to establish a Special Department of Horticulture and Pomology," etc.

Respectfully submitted.

T. G. HUDSON, Chairman.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof :

Mr. President:

The House has passed the following House bill by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit :

A bill to authorize the City Council of Augusta to improve the sidewalks and streets of said city.

Mr. Blalock, Chairman of Committee on Finance, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following bill, which they instruct me to report back, with recommendation that same be read a second time and recommitted, to wit :

A bill to levy and collect a tax for the support of the state government and the public institutions, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

A. C. BLALOCK, Chairman.

Under a suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Brinson, the Senate took up the report of the Special Judiciary Committee on the bill of the House "to change the time of holding the Superior Court of Burke county."

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed; ayes 24, nays 0.

While the special order of this day was under discussion (Mr. Battle having the floor), to wit:

The report of the Committee on Railroads on the bill of the Senate to enlarge the powers of the Railroad Commission so as to require railroads to receive, receipt for and deliver cars and freights and to prevent discriminations," the time arrived for the meeting of the General Assembly for the election of a Judge of the Southwestern Circuit.

The President so announced, and the Senate, in a body, preceded by the President and Secretary, proceeded to the Hall of Representatives, where, being received by the members of the House of Representatives, standing, the President took the chair and called the General Assembly to order.

The Secretary read the resolution under which the joint session was convened.

The President announced the object for which the General Assembly had convened in joint session, viz: the election of a Judge of the Southwestern Circuit.

Nominations were declared in order, whereupon Mr. Whipple, of Dooly, placed in nomination Hon. Z. A. Littlejohn, of the county of Dooly

The call of the roll was ordered for this election.

On counting up the vote it appeared that the Hon. Z. A. Littlejohn, of the county of Dooly, had received 160 votes. The same being a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared by the President duly elected Judge of the Southwestern Judicial Circuit for the term of four years, beginning on the first of January, 1897

The General Assembly in joint session was dissolved.

The Senate returned to its chamber, was called to order by the President, and resumed the unfinished business.

Pending the discussion on the preceding measure, Mr. Kilpatrick having the floor, the Senate adjourned, on motion, until 7:30 o'clock p. m.

7:30 O'clock p. m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the President.

The call of the roll was, on motion, dispensed with.

Mr. Kilpatrick yielded the floor for the purpose of reading a House resolution the first time and the Tax Bill the second time.

The resolution referred to, to wit: A resolution "to appropriate \$225 for pensions of certain Confederate soldiers," was read the first time and referred to the committee on Pensions.

The Tax Bill was read the second time and recommitted to the Finance Committee.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed the following House bills by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit:

A bill to incorporate the town of Abbeville.

Also, a bill to repeal the charter of Buford and re-incorporating the same.

Mr. Kilpatrick further yielded the floor for the reading of the following resolutions, which were read and referred as indicated, to wit:

A resolution for the relief of the Darien and Western Railroad Company.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

A resolution "to suspend the collection of State taxes in the county of McIntosh for the year 1896."

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Kilpatrick yielded further to Mr. Carter, of the Thirty-first District, when he offered a response to resolutions of the Senate.

Mr. Battle, for himself and Messrs. Hopkins, Starr, and Kilpatrick, submitted a resolution on the subject presented in the reply of Mr. Carter, which, on his motion, was read and laid on the table.

The resolution is as follows, to wit :

Whereas, Senator Yancy Carter, Senator from the Thirty-first District, did on the floor of the Senate make serious charges affecting the integrity of the judiciary of the State, and offered to give the names of the accused if demanded ; and

Whereas, On the 7th day of December the Senator from the Thirty-first did reiterate said charges and offer to give the names of the accused and furnish the evidence of their guilt if demanded ; and

Whereas, On said day the Senate did pass a resolution calling on the Senator for the information, to which resolution the Senator at a late day responded with a written statement declining to give the names of the parties or the evidence for the reasons therein stated, which response was spread upon the Journal of the Senate ; and

Whereas, The Senate, on the 12th day of December, did pass a resolution stating that it was the sense of the Senate that the Senator from the Thirty-first District should have and should now furnish the Senate with the names of the parties accused and the evidence of their guilt ; and

Whereas, The Senator from the Thirty-first, in re-

ponse to the second demand, has, on the 15th day of December, responded thereto by specifying the names of aid parties ; and

Whereas, The Senate has exhausted its jurisdiction in eference to said charges ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the statement of the Senator from the thirty-first District, specifying the names of the parties ccused, made this the 15th day of December, as well as copy of the two resolutions heretofore adopted by the senate touching the charges against the judiciary of the state, and also the statement of the Senator made on he 11th day of December, be transmitted to the House f Representatives, whose special duty it is to investi-gate charges of this character, for such action as it may seem proper to take touching the said charges.

On motion of Mr. Dunwody, the foregoing resolution and the response of Mr. Carter, and all matter germane o the subject be the special order of to-morrow morn-ing immediately after the reading of the Journal.

Mr. Kilpatrick resumed the floor, which he had rielded by courtesy.

After discussion of the pending measure, Mr. Stevens moved that it be postponed until the fifth day of the next session.

Mr. Berner proposed to amend the motion of Mr. Stevens by laying the bill on the table.

On this proposition the ayes and nays were demanded and recorded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Gray,	Starr,
Blalock,	Hopkins,	Stewart, 27th,
Brinson,	Hudson,	Stewart, 34th,
Carter,	Kemp,	Strother,
Castleberry,	Kilpatrick,	Turner,
Comas,	Mann,	Van Buren,
Everett,	McFarland,	Wilcox.
Golightly,	Sheffield,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Flynt,	Walker, 18th,
Battle,	Redwine,	Walker, 40th,
Culver,	Shropshire,	Witcher,
Dunwody,	Stevens,	Wooten.
Flewellen,		

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Brooke,	Goldin,	Westmoreland,
Cook,	Ham,	Mr. President.
Geiger,	Thomson,	

Ayes 23. Nays 13. Not voting 8.

So the motion to lay on the table prevailed.

Leave of absence for the balance of the session was granted Mr. Atkinson on account of sickness.

The following bills and resolutions of the House were read the first time and referred as indicated, to wit :

A bill to make clear and define the meaning of an act to allow pensions to certain Confederate widows, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill to repeal the second section of an act approved

March 1st, 1875, to fix the compensation of the county treasurer of Jefferson county

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

A resolution making additional appropriation for contingent fund, and for repairs to the public buildings for the year 1896.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A resolution to accept a portrait of the Hon. R. U. Hardeman to be hung in the Treasurer's office.

Read and concurred in.

A resolution authorizing the Governor to appoint delegates to the Good Roads Congress at Orlando, Florida, February 2d, 1897

Referred to the Committee on Public Roads.

A bill to amend section 3462 of the Code of 1882.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

A bill to authorize the city council of Augusta to improve the sidewalks of said city, etc.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

A bill to appropriate \$2,750 to reimburse the commissioners to codify the laws of Georgia.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to appropriate \$35,000 to pay for printing and publishing the Code of 1895, and to pay for superintending the printing of said Code.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to protect oysters, clams, shrimps, terrapins, and other food products in Christiana creek and inlets tributary thereto.

Referred to the Committee on State of the Republic.

A bill to authorize the sale of the Northeastern Railroad, etc.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

A bill to amend an act to amend an act to amend and consolidate the laws governing the inspection and analysis and sale of commercial fertilizers and chemicals, etc.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

A bill to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of Pulaski.

Referred to the Committee on Public Roads.

A bill to amend the charter of the Georgia College of Eclectic Medicine and Surgery.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

A bill to pay for and retire bonds of the State as they mature, in accordance with art. 7, sec. 14, par. 1

of the Constitution, by levying and collecting a tax, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill to amend, change and repeal the charter of the town of Arabi, in the county of Dooly, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

A bill to prohibit hunting and fishing on the lands of another in the county of DeKalb.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

A bill to reincorporate the town of Livonia.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

A bill to repeal all laws incorporating the town of Buford.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

A bill to establish a new charter for the town of Abbeville.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Golightly, of Thirty-sixth District, Chairman of Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Corporations have had under

consideration the following House bills, which they instruct me as their chairman to report back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the same do pass :

A bill to authorize the commissioners of Chatham county to fill vacancies in their board.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to confirm a grant to the trustees of Wesley Monumental Church, for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Savannah, made by ordinances of the city of Savannah, of ten (10) feet from Abercorn street, and increasing the depth of trust lot, 27 Calhoun ward, ten (10) feet.

Respectfully submitted.

J F GOLIGHTLY, Chairman.

Mr. Stewart, of Thirty-fourth District, Chairman of the Committee on Banks, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

The Committee on Banks have had under consideration the following bills, which they have directed me to report back, with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit :

House Bill No. 379, a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Georgia Security and Banking Company to exchange real estate for stock, etc.

Also, House Bill No. 315, a bill to be entitled an act to amend an act approved October 24th, 1887, entitled

an act to incorporate the Atlanta Savings, Loan and Trust Company, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

T. D. STEWART, Chairman.

Mr. Stevens, of Eleventh District, Chairman of Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Appropriations have had under consideration House Resolution No. 108, to provide for supplying a deficiency in the contingent fund, and for other purposes, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate favorably.

Respectfully submitted.

O. B. STEVENS, Chairman.

The following bills of the House were read the second time and passed to a third reading, to wit :

A bill "to authorize the Georgia Security and Banking Company to exchange real estate for stock."

A bill "to confirm a grant of Wesley Monumental Methodist Episcopal Church in Savannah."

A bill "to authorize the commissioners of Chatham county to fill vacancies in their board."

A bill "to amend an act to incorporate the Atlanta Loan and Trust Company, and for other purposes."

A resolution "that a committee be appointed to attend the commencement exercises of the University of the State in 1897 "

And a resolution "to provide for supplying a deficiency in the contingent fund, and for other purposes."

Mr. Westmoreland, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossing, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

Your committee have examined and find properly engrossed and ready to be transmitted to the House, the following Senate bills, to wit :

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the Atlanta and West Point Railroad Company.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2385 of the Code of 1882 in reference to processioning lands, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to amend an act approved December 17, 1894, entitled an act to provide for the registration of voters in this State, and for other purposes.

Also, a resolution that all bills and resolutions left over at the end of the present session shall go over as unfinished business to the session of 1897

Also, a resolution that the keeper of the public buildings or other proper authority be instructed to arrange for lighting the Senate chamber with electricity.

Also, a bill creating a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for Jackson county.

Respectfully submitted.

G. F. WESTMORELAND, Chairman.

Mr. Kilpatrick, Chairman of Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following bill, which they instruct me to report back, with recommendation that same do pass, to wit :

A bill to be entitled an act entitled an act to fix and define the liabilities of receivers, trustees, assigns and other like officers operating railroads in this State, approved December 16, 1895.

Respectfully submitted.

J. D. KILPATRICK, Chairman.

Mr. Battle, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

The Committee on General Judiciary have had under consideration the following bills of the House, which they direct me to report, with recommendation that the same be read a second time and recommitted to the General Judiciary Committee :

A bill to be entitled an act incorporating the town of

Homerville, in the county of Clinch, approved February 15, 1869, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to provide for the payment of the fees of the clerk of the Superior Court and certain other officers in certain cases.

They direct me to report the following Senate bill, with recommendation that the same do pass :

A bill to provide for the filing, hearing and determining of election contests.

They direct me to report the following House bill, with recommendation that the same do not pass :

A bill requiring Judges of City and County Courts to reduce to writing their charges, etc.

Respectfully submitted.

C. E. BATTLE, Chairman.

Mr. Battle moved to take from the table the bill laid on the table to-night, known as No. 26, which is a bill to increase the powers of the Railroad Commission of Georgia, etc.

The following bills of the House were read the second time and recommitted, to wit :

A bill "to repeal an act incorporating the town of Homerville."

A bill "to provide for the payment of the fees of the Clerk of the Superior Court, Sheriff, Solicitor of the County Court, Justices of the Peace, Notaries Public, and Constables in certain cases."

A bill "to amend an act of December 20, 1893, in relation to election contests, etc., and for other purposes."

The Senate, on motion, adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia.

Wednesday, December 16, 1896, 10 O'clock a. m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, the President in the chair.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

On the call of the roll the following Senators answered to their names :

Allen,	Flynt,	Starr,
Atkinson,	Geiger,	Stevens,
Battle,	Goldin,	Stewart, 27th,
Blalock,	Golightly,	Stewart, 34th,
Brinson,	Gray,	Thomson,
Brooke,	Hopkins,	Turner,
Carter,	Hudson,	Van Buren,
Castleberry,	Kemp,	Walker, 18th,
Comas,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 40th,
Cook,	Mann,	Wilcox,
Culver,	McFarland,	Witcher,
Dunwody,	Redwine,	Wooten,
Everett,	Sheffield,	Mr. President.
Flewellen,		

Those absent were Messrs.—

Ham,	Strother,	Westmoreland.
Shropshire,		

Mr. Van Buren, Chairman of the Committee on Journals, reported the Journal correct. It was then read and confirmed by the Senate.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has concurred in the Senate amendments to the following House bills, to wit:

A bill to establish a City Court in the city of Elberton.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the Commercial Bank of Albany.

The House has also adopted the following resolution, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution to appropriate the sum of \$60 to pay the pension of Delia Owens.

The House has also concurred in the Senate amendment, with an amendment, to the following House resolution, to wit:

A resolution relative to the appointment of a School-book Commission.

The House has also concurred in the Senate amendments to the following House resolutions, to wit:

A resolution to pay pensions to widows or minor children of certain deceased Confederate veterans.

Also, a resolution to appoint a committee of seven from the House and three from the Senate to examine into and report upon the amounts received by the University from Federal Government.

The House has also concurred in the following Senate resolutions, to wit:

A resolution that the keeper of public buildings be authorized to arrange for lighting the Senate chamber with electricity.

Also, a resolution that all bills and resolutions left over at the end of the session shall go over as unfinished business.

Also, a bill to prescribe and define the powers of Commissioners of Pilotage for the ports of this State.

The House has also passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following House bills, to wit:

A bill to abolish the City Court of Coffee county.

Also, a bill to declare unlawful all trusts and combinations in restraint of trade and production.

Also, a bill to repeal an act amending the liquor laws for Hart county.

Also, a bill to fix the salary of the Commissioner of Roads and Revenues of Irwin county.

Also, a bill to amend an act to establish a Board of County Commissioners of Bibb county.

Also, a bill to amend an act creating the City Court of DeKalb county.

Also, a bill to amend an act incorporating the town of Bowersville, in Hart county.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the town of Colquitt.

Also, a bill to amend an act creating a Park and Tree Commission for the city of Savannah.

Also, a bill to authorize J. C. K. Cotter to peddle without license.

Also, a bill to amend an act to prohibit the sale of liquors in Irwin county.

Also, a bill to provide for issuing bonds for school purposes for the town of Norcross.

Also, a bill to provide for the payment of costs of court in the trial of misdemeanor cases.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the town of Jefferson.

Also, a bill to establish chain-gang farms or other enterprises in this State.

Also, a bill to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of Lee.

Also, a bill to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for Charlton county.

The special order of the morning hour was taken up, to wit:

A resolution offered by Mr. Battle and the response of Mr. Carter to the resolutions of the Senate concerning certain charges made by him.

On motion of Mr. Dunwody, the special order was discharged until to-morrow immediately after the reading of the Journal.

The bill of the House "to regulate the practice in the Supreme Court in certain particulars," was, on motion of Mr. Hopkins, recommitted.

A bill of the House "to declare unlawful all trusts and combinations in restraint of trade and production, or prescribe penalties, and for other purposes," was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Kilpatrick, Chairman of the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

The Committee on Railroads have had under consideration the following House bills, which they direct me to report, with request that they be read the second time and recommitted :

A bill to authorize the sale of the Northeastern Railroad.

Also, a resolution for the relief of the Darien and Western Railway Company.

Respectfully submitted.

J. D. KILPATRICK, Chairman.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Public Schools on the bill of the Senate "to authorize

the State School Commissioner to grant permanent license to such graduates of the Normal and Industrial College at Milledgeville as in the judgment of the State School Commissioner may be entitled to the same."

The committee reported in favor of its passage with an amendment.

The report was amended as follows on motion of Mr. Turner, viz.:

Insert after the word "Milledgeville," in the first section, fifth line, "or full graduates of any other chartered college in this State."

The report, as amended, was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and, on motion, was laid on the table.

Mr. Shropshire, Chairman of the Special Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following bills, which they instruct me to report back, with recommendation that they be read a second time and recommitted, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish a system of public schools in the town of Raccoon, in the county of Chattooga, and for other purposes.

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the City Court of Coffee county, and for other purposes.

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal the second section of an act approved March 1, 1875, to fix the compensation of Jefferson county treasurer, and for other purposes.

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit hunting or fishing on the lands of another in the county of DeKalb, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the town of Rochelle into the city of Rochelle, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

WESLEY SHROPSHIRE, Chairman.

Mr. Westmoreland, Chairman of the Engrossing Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Engrossing Committee direct me to report the following Senate bill as properly engrossed and ready to be transmitted to the House, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to require the nature of alcoholic drinks and narcotics to be taught in the public schools of this State.

Respectfully submitted.

G. F. WESTMORELAND, Chairman.

Mr. Golightly, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report :

Mr. President :

The Committee on Corporations have had under consideration the following House bills, which they direct me to report to the Senate, with the request that they be read the second time and recommitted to the Corporation Committee :

A bill to authorize the city council of Augusta to improve the sidewalks of the city of Augusta, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the Georgia College of Eclectic Medicine.

Also, a bill to amend, change and repeal the charter of the town of Arabi, in Dooly county.

A bill to repeal an act incorporating the city of Tallapoosa, in the county of Haralson.

A bill to reincorporate the town of Lavonia, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. GOLIGHTLY, Chairman.

Mr. Brinson, Chairman of the Enrolling Committee, submitted the following report :

Mr. President :

The Enrolling Committee have examined and direct

ne to report as duly enrolled and ready for the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate, and the Speaker and Clerk of the House, the following bills and resolutions, to wit :

A resolution extending sympathy to the Cubans, and for other purposes.

Also, an act to incorporate the city of Elberton, in Elbert county, to change the name of the town of Elberton to the city of Elberton, and for other purposes.

Also, an act to make penal the collecting or receiving of fees for obtaining pensions.

Also, an act to make certain and provide for the payment of costs in civil cases in the County Courts and the Justices Courts, and for other purposes.

Also, an act to incorporate the town of Plains.

Respectfully submitted.

E. L. BRINSON, Chairman.

Mr. Cook, Chairman of the Committee on the Penitentiary, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

Your Committee on the Penitentiary have had under consideration the following resolution, which they direct me to report back, with the recommendation that the same do pass as amended, to wit :

A resolution providing for the appointment of a joint

committee from the Senate and House to investigate and report upon a suitable plan for the disposition of the convicts of this State after the expiration of the term of the present lease, etc.

Also, the following resolution, to wit :

A resolution indorsing the application for pardon of Harry Hill and Lord Beresford.

Respectfully submitted.

PHIL COOK, Chairman.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof :

Mr. President :

The House has passed the following House bill by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit :

A bill to amend the public school system of Madison, Ga.

A joint resolution providing for bringing up the unfinished business of the present session, introduced by Mr. Witcher, was read, adopted and ordered to be immediately transmitted to the House.

The report of the Committee on Agriculture on the bill of the Senate to require the Commissioner of Agriculture to establish a special department of Horticulture and Pomology, and for other purposes.

The committee reported in favor of its passage with an amendment, which was adopted, and the report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed as amended; ayes 24, nays 4.

This bill was ordered to be immediately transmitted to the House.

Mr. Blalock, Chairman of Committee on Finance, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following bill, which they instruct me to report back, with the recommendation that same do pass, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to pay for and retire bonds of the State as they mature, and for other purposes.

Also, the following resolution:

A joint resolution to suspend the collection of State taxes in the county of McIntosh.

Respectfully submitted.

A. C. BLALOCK, Chairman.

Mr. Westmoreland, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossing, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Engrossing have had under consideration the following bill, which they report properly engrossed and ready to be transmitted to the House, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the city court of Baxley, in Appling county, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

G. F. WESTMORELAND, Chairman.

Mr. Comas introduced a resolution authorizing the Secretary to make certain corrections of clerical errors in the bill of the Senate, to establish a City Court of Appling county, caused by imperfections in the type-written copy of the original bill.

Judge G. S. Rountree, by resolution of Mr. Kemp, was tendered a seat in the Senate.

The Senate took up the report of the General Judiciary Committee on the bill of the Senate, to amend an act approved December 20, 1893, entitled an act to provide for the filing, hearing and determining of contests in contested elections in this State, and for other purposes.

The committee reported in favor of its passage, with an amendment, which was adopted, and the report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed as amended ; ayes 27, nays 0.

Mr. Brinson, Chairman of the Committee on Enrollment, submitted the following report :

Mr President:

The Enrolling Committee have examined and direct me to report as duly enrolled and ready for the signa-

tures of the President and Secretary of the Senate the following bills, to wit :

An act to change the present corporate limits of Americus, so as to exclude from the corporate limits lands known as the Leeton Park Land Company.

Also, an act to incorporate the town of Baldwin, in the counties of Banks and Habersham, and for other purposes.

Also, an act to prescribe regulations for conducting the business of the Supreme Court on and after the 1st day of January, 1897, etc.

Respectfully submitted.

E. L. BRINSON, Chairman.

The following bills of the House were read the first time and referred as indicated, to wit :

A bill to amend the title of an act to entirely prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within the county of Irwin, approved October 15th, 1879, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Temperance.

A bill to amend the charter of Bowersville, in Hart county.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

A bill to amend an act to create a park and tree commission for the city of Savannah.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

A bill to fix a salary for the Commissioner of Roads and Revenue of Irwin county.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

A bill to abolish the city court of Coffee county, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

A bill to authorize J. C. K. Cotter to peddle without license.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

A bill to repeal an act amending the liquor law for Hart county, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Temperance.

A bill to amend an act creating the city court of DeKalb county, approved December 13, 1893, by creating the office of Solicitor of said city court of DeKalb county.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

A bill to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Public Buildings and Public Property and Finance for the county of Lee.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

A bill creating a Board of County Commissioners of Roads and Revenue for Charlton county.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

A bill to amend charter of the town of Colquitt, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

A bill to authorize the establishment of chain-gang farms or other enterprises in this State, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on the Penitentiary.

A bill to provide for the issuing of bonds by the town of Norcross, etc.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

A bill to amend the County Commissioners law of Bibb county, etc., and for other purposes.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

A bill to amend an act incorporating the town Jefferson, in the county of Jackson, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

A bill to amend the public school system of Madison, Georgia.

Referred to Special Judiciary Committee.

A bill to provide for the payment of costs of court in the trial of misdemeanor cases in this State.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

And a resolution to appropriate sixty dollars to pay the pension of Mrs. Delila Owens, of Rabun county.

Referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Kilpatrick moved to take from the table a resolution of the Senate to appoint a joint committee on lease of convicts.

Mr. Thomson moved to lay this motion on the table, which prevailed.

Mr. Kilpatrick again moved to take the resolution from the table, and the motion prevailed.

The Committee on the Penitentiary, to whom this resolution was referred and recommitted, reported in favor of its passage with amendments, which were adopted.

Mr. Hopkins proposed to amend the report of the committee as follows :

Amend section 2 by striking out all after the 4th line of said section.

This amendment had the effect to deny the committee the right of visiting such prisons and reformatories in the United States as they might deem necessary.

On the adoption of this amendment the ayes and nays were demanded and recorded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Golightly,	Starr,
Atkinson,	Gray,	Strother,
Brinson,	Hopkins,	Thomson,
Brooke,	Kemp,	Van Buren,
Castleberry,	Redwine,	Walker, 18th,
Culver,	Sheffield,	Westmoreland,
Flynt,	Shropshire,	Witcher.
Goldin,		

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.—

Battle,	Flewellen,	Stewart, 27th,
Carter,	Geiger,	Turner,
Comas,	Hudson,	Walker, 40th.
Cook,	Kilpatrick,	Wilcox,
Everett,	Mann,	Wooten,

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Blalock,	McFarland,	Stewart, 34th,
Dunwody,	Stevens,	Mr. President.
Ham,		

Ayes 22. Nays 15. Not voting 7

So the amendment of Mr. Hopkins was adopted.

Mr. Shropshire moved to reconsider the amendment of the committee, to be added at the end of section 2 of the resolution, assuming that this amendment was in direct conflict with the amendment of Mr. Hopkins.

The amendment referred to in the motion of Mr. Shropshire is as follows, to wit:

“Amend the resolution by adding at the end of section 2 the following words: ‘Provided, that said committee shall not visit any prisons and reformatories of other States until they have fully exhausted all the sources of information; and provided further, that in no event shall said committee so visit said prisons and reformatories unless, in the opinion of a majority of the committee, it be absolutely necessary for the acquisition of the information sought; provided further, that the total amount to be expended by said committee shall not exceed the sum of three thousand dollars.’ ”

Pending action upon the motion of Mr. Shropshire to reconsider the adoption of the foregoing amendment,

Mr. Turner rose to a point of order, assuming that there being a direct conflict between the amendment of the committee and that of Mr. Hopkins, the act of the Senate in adopting the latter was nugatory. The President overruled this point of order, stating that it was not made before the action of the Senate in adopting the amendment of Mr. Hopkins; that he would not now say what his ruling would have been had the point of order been made in time.

Pending the question of reconsidering the amendment of the committee, specified by Mr. Shropshire in his motion, the Senate adjourned until 7:30 o'clock to-night, leaving the motion of Mr. Shropshire as unfinished business.

Mr. Gray, of the Twenty-third District, Chairman pro tem. of the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Appropriations have had under consideration the following House bills, which they recommend do pass :

A bill to be entitled an act to appropriate thirty-five thousand dollars to pay for printing and publishing the Code of 1895, etc.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to appropriate twenty-seven hundred and fifty dollars for the purpose of reimbursing the commissioners to codify the Laws of Georgia for certain expenditures, etc., etc.

Also, they instruct me to report the following resolution favorably :

A resolution making an additional appropriation for contingent fund and for repairs to the public buildings for the year 1896.

Respectfully submitted.

C. G. GRAY, Chairman pro tem.

Upon motion, the Senate adjourned until 7:30 o'clock
m.

7:30 O'clock p. m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the President pro tem.

The roll-call was, on motion, dispensed with.

Mr. Flewellen submitted the following report :

r. President:

The Committee on Pensions have had under consideration the following resolution and bill, which they direct me to report back, with the recommendation that they be passed, to wit :

House Resolution No. 56, "to appropriate two hundred and twenty-five dollars for pensions of certain Confederate soldiers."

Also, House Bill No. 31, to be entitled "an act to make clear and define the meaning of an act entitled an act to allow pensions to certain Confederate widows, and for other purposes."

E. A. FLEWELLEN, Chairman.

The following bills and resolutions of the House were read the second time and passed to a third reading, to wit :

A bill "to appropriate \$2,750 for the purpose of reimbursing the commissioners to codify the laws of Georgia appointed under the acts of the General Assembly, approved December 19, 1893, for certain expenditures incurred by them in the matter of performing the duties as such codifiers."

A bill "to make clear and define the meaning of an act to allow pensions to certain Confederate widows, and for other purposes."

A bill "to appropriate \$35,000 to pay for printing and publishing the Code of 1895, and to pay for superintending the printing of said Code."

A resolution to appropriate \$225.00 for pensions of certain Confederate soldiers.

And a resolution "making additional appropriation for contingent fund and for repairs to the public buildings for the year 1896."

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof :

Mr. President :

The House has passed the following House bill by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit :

A bill to establish a dispensary in the town of Fort Gaines.

Mr. Brooke, Chairman pro tem. of the Committee on Engrossing, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following bill, which they find properly engrossed and ready to be transmitted to the House, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to require the Commissioner of Agriculture to establish a special department of Horticulture and Pomology, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

J. P BROOKE, Chairman pro tem.

Mr. Brooke, Chairman pro tem. of the Engrossing Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Engrossing have examined and direct me to report as duly engrossed and ready to be transmitted to the House, the following Senate bill, to wit:

A bill to amend an act to provide for the filing, hearing and determining of contests in contested elections.

Also, a resolution authorizing the President and Secretary of the Senate and Speaker and Clerk of the House, and certain other officers of the General Assembly, to remain after the adjournment to bring up unfinished business.

Respectfully submitted.

J. P BROOKE, Chairman pro tem.

The unfinished business of the morning session was resumed, to wit:

A resolution of the Senate to provide for a joint committee on the convict lease system, the motion of Mr. Shropshire to reconsider the amendment of the committee which is spread in full on the Journal of the morning session.

The motion to reconsider did not prevail.

The motion to reconsider the amendment of Mr. Hopkins, also spread on said Journal, was reconsidered.

The report of the committee was agreed to.

The resolution was read the third time, and on the question of agreeing thereto, the ayes and nays were demanded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Battle,	Geiger,	Stewart, 27th,
Carter,	Goldin,	Stewart, 34th,
Culver,	Gray,	Turner,
Dunwody,	Hudson,	Walker, 40th,
Everett,	Kilpatrick,	Wilcox,
Flewellen,	Mann,	Wooten.
Flynt,	McFarland,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Hopkins,	Thomson,
Blalock,	Kemp,	Van Buren,
Brooke,	Redwine,	Walker, 18th,
Castleberry,	Shropshire,	Westmoreland,
Golightly,	Strother,	Witcher.

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Cook,	Starr,
Brinson,	Ham,	Stevens,
Comas,	Sheffield,	Mr. President.

Ayes 20. Nays 15. Not voting 9.

So the resolution was agreed to as amended.

Mr. Golightly, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Corporations have had the following bills under consideration, and direct me to report back that said bills be read the second time and recommitted to said committee, to wit:

A House bill to be entitled an act to repeal the laws incorporating the town of Buford and enacting a new charter for the same.

Also, a House bill to be entitled an act to establish a new charter for the town of Abbeville, in the county of Wilcox.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. GOLIGHTLY, Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Walker, of the Eighteenth District, the Senate took up the report of the Committee on Corporations on the bill of the House "to authorize the City Council of Augusta to grant the use of the streets

of the city of Augusta to any railroad company or corporation by steam locomotives or other power," etc.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and, on motion, laid on the table.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Corporations on the bill of the House "to amend the charter of Battle Hill, and for other purposes."

Proof of legal notice was submitted.

The committee reported in favor of its passage, with amendments which were adopted, and the report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed as amended ; ayes 24, nays 0.

Mr. Battle, Chairman of General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

The Committee on General Judiciary have had under consideration the following House bill, which they direct me to report, with recommendation that it pass :

A bill to repeal an act incorporating Homerville, in Clinch county.

Also, the following House bill as amended :

A bill to provide for enforcing the rights of a trustee.
Respectfully submitted.

C. E. BATTLE, Chairman. }

Mr. McFarland, Chairman of the Committee on Public Roads, submitted the following report :

Mr. President :

The Committee on Public Roads have had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back, with the recommendation that the same be read the second time and recommitted to the Committee on Special Judiciary, to wit :

House Bill No. 348, a bill to be entitled an act to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of Pulaski, and for other purposes.

The committee have also had under consideration a joint resolution from the House, which they direct me to report back, with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit : •

A joint resolution, No. 107, authorizing the Governor to appoint delegates to the Good Roads Congress at Orlando, Fla., February 2, 1897

Respectfully submitted.

T F McFARLAND, Chairman.

Mr. Culver, Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Republic, submitted the following report :

Mr. President :

The Committee on State of the Republic have had under consideration House Bill No. 301, entitled an act to protect fish, oysters, clams, terrapins, crabs, prawns

and other food products in Christmas creek and inlets tributary thereto, and for other purposes, which I am instructed to report back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the same do pass.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN L. CULVER, Chairman.

Mr. Strother, by general consent, introduced a bill "to amend section 2 of an act of 1890 and 1891 providing for examining pension rolls by the grand juries of the State, and to strike therefrom all names of all Confederate soldiers or widows whose taxable property amounts to sixteen hundred dollars or more."

This bill was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

The following bills of the House were laid on the table until the next session, to wit :

A bill "to establish a City Court for the city of Monroe, in Walton county "

Also, a bill "to repeal an act to create a County Court for the county of Walton."

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Appropriations on the resolution of the House "to pay the Doorkeeper of the House."

This resolution was read and concurred in by ayes 26, nays 3.

The following bills and resolutions of the House were read the second time and passed to a third reading, to wit :

A bill "to pay for and retire bonds of the State as they mature."

Also, a bill "to protect fish and oysters, etc., in Christmas creek and its tributaries."

A resolution "to appoint delegates to the Good Roads Congress at Orlando, Fla."

Also, a resolution "to suspend the collection of State taxes in the county of McIntosh for 1896."

The following bills of the House were read the second time and recommitted, to wit:

A bill "to repeal an act incorporating the city of Tallapoosa."

Also, a bill "to authorize the sale of the Northeastern Railroad."

Also, a bill "to amend the charter of the College of Eclectic Medicine and Surgery."

Also, a bill "to incorporate the town of Rochelle."

Also, a bill "to incorporate the town of Livonia."

A bill to repeal the charter of the town of Arabi.

A bill to repeal all laws incorporating the town of Buford.

A bill to establish a new charter for the town of Abbeville.

A bill to authorize the city of Augusta to improve the sidewalks.

A bill to create a Board of Commissioners of the county of Pulaski.

A bill to establish a system of public schools for the town of Raccoon.

A bill to prohibit hunting and fishing on the lands of another in DeKalb county.

A bill to fix the compensation of the County Treasurer of Jefferson.

A bill to establish a City Court in Coffee county.

And a resolution for the relief of the Darien and Western Railroad.

The Senate adjourned, on motion, until 10 o'clock a. m., to-morrow.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Thursday, December 17, 1896, 10 O'clock a. m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President pro tem.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

On the call of the roll the following Senators answered to their names :

Allen,
Atkinson,
Battle,

Flynt,
Geiger,
Goldin,

Stevens,
Stewart, 34th,
Strother,

Blalock,	Golightly,	Thomson,
Brooke,	Gray,	Turner,
Carter,	Hopkins,	Van Buren,
Castleberry,	Hudson,	Walker, 18th,
Comas,	Kemp,	Walker, 40th,
Cook,	Kilpatrick,	Westmoreland,
Culver,	McFarland,	Witcher,
Dunwody,	Redwine,	Wooten,
Everett,	Starr,	Mr. President.
Flewellen,		

Those present were Messrs.—

Brinson,	Sheffield,	Stewart, 27th,
Ham,	Shropshire,	Wilcox.
Mann,		

Mr. Van Buren, Chairman of the Committee on Journals, reported the Journal correct.

It was read and confirmed by the Senate.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has concurred in the Senate amendments two and four, and refuses to concur in amendments in one and three, to the following House bill, to wit:

A bill to authorize solvent Guarantee companies, Fidelity Insurance companies and Fidelity Deposit companies to become surety upon attachment bonds, and upon the bonds of City, County and State officers.

The House has also concurred in the Senate amendment to the following House bill, to wit:

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Atlanta.

The House has passed the following House bills by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit :

A bill to amend an act to revive the office of State Geologist, approved November 12th, 1889.

Also, a bill to create the office of Commissioner of Pardons, to provide for his appointment, and define his duties.

Also, a bill to provide for the compensation of the Ordinary of Twiggs county for extra services.

Also, a bill to prevent the adulteration of candy.

Also, a bill to amend an act approved December 16, 1895, to regulate the returns for consigned goods and farm products.

Also, a bill to regulate the taking of fish in the streams of Whitfield county.

Also, a bill making it unlawful for Fire Insurance Companies, not incorporated by the laws of Georgia, but legally licensed to transact business of fire insurance, except under such regulations.

The House has also adopted the following resolutions in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit :

A resolution to suspend the collection of taxes for the county of Charlton for the year 1896, until February 1st, 1897

Also, a resolution to pay the pension of Sarah J. Sell.

Mr. Hopkins moved a reconsideration of the action of the Senate of yesterday on the resolution of the Senate "to appoint a joint committee on lease of convicts," etc.

The point of order was made that the resolution had once been reconsidered, and consequently the motion of Mr. Hopkins was not admissible under the rules of the Senate.

The President reviewed the history of the resolution in detail and sustained the point of order, and declared that the resolution could not again be reconsidered.

Mr. Berner proposed the following order of business, which was adopted :

1st—Reading of House bills first time for reference.

2d—Reading of House bills second time favorably reported.

3d—This is to be subject at all times to the consideration of the appropriation bill and tax bill.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof :

Mr. President:

The House has passed the following House bills by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit:

A bill to regulate the business of Fraternal Beneficiary orders, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to amend an act to give the Commissioners of Roads and Revenues or the Ordinaries of each county the authority to lay out, open and continue public roads and to levy tax for same.

Also, a bill to regulate the business of all Debenture Redemption Companies.

Also, a bill to create a Board of Pension Commissioners for each county and provide for their appointment.

The House has also adopted the following resolutions in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution authorizing the Public Printer to print the acts and resolutions of the General Assembly

Also, a resolution authorizing M. A. Hardin, Clerk of the House, and Wm. Clifton, Secretary of the Senate, to prepare, publish and mail to each member a statement of the unfinished business of the session at the time of adjournment.

The House has concurred in the Senate amendment to the following House bill, to wit:

A bill to amend the charter of Battle Hill, in the county of Fulton.

Mr. Brinson, Chairman of the Committee on Enrollment, submitted the following report:

Mr President:

The Enrolling Committee have examined and direct

ne to report as duly enrolled and ready for the signature of the President and Secretary of the Senate, the following bills and resolutions, to wit:

An act to authorize the Superior and City Courts of this State to be held at place or places other than their respective court-houses, when for causes it is impracticable to hold the same in such court-house, and for other purposes.

Also, an act to repeal an act to require Spalding county to pay the officers of court the costs now allowed by law in each case convicted and worked in the chain-gang of said county

Also, an act to appropriate the proceeds from the fine of misdemeanor convicts in the Northern Judicial Circuit to the payment of costs accruing to officers, approved October 15, 1887, so as to exempt Wilkes county from the provisions of that act.

Also, an act to prescribe and define a scholastic month.

Also, an act to enlarge the corporate limits of the city of Albany, in Dougherty county, and for other purposes.

Also, an act to amend an act of the General Assembly of Georgia, approved October 30th, 1885, entitled an act to regulate and control certain convicts in the county of Bibb, approved February 27, 1887, and for other purposes.

Also, an act to abolish the City Court of Elbert county; to provide that all cases pending therein and

all unfinished business, books, papers and records thereof be transferred to the City Court of Elberton, and for other purposes.

Also, an act to incorporate the town of Yatesville, in the county of Upson, to grant certain powers and privileges, and for other purposes.

Also, an act to authorize the Commissioners of the village of Summerville, in Richmond county, to provide for the registration of the qualified voters of said village.

Also, an act to provide additional compensation for the sheriff of the Supreme Court and in the manner in which it shall be paid.

Also, an act to change the time of holding the fall term of Henry County Superior Court, and for other purposes.

Also, a resolution petitioning the President of the United States to suspend the sentences of revenue violators.

Also, an act to fix the bond of the Treasurer of Richmond county, and for other purposes.

Also, an act to repeal an act approved February 28, 1876, providing that the insolvent costs of the Solicitor mentioned in said amendatory act, shall be paid from funds realized from hiring convicts of said county court in Wilkes county.

Also, an act to provide compensation for Election Managers and Clerks in the county of Wilkes, and for other purposes.

Also, an act to authorize the town of Royston, in the county of Franklin, through and by its officers, to issue and sell the bonds of said town, not to exceed in amount the constitutional limit, for purposes of erecting in and for said town public school buildings, to provide for payment of the principal and interest on said bonds as the same may become due, by the levy of a tax upon the property of said town, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

E. L. BRINSON, Chairman.

Mr. Golightly, Chairman of the Corporations Committee, submitted the following report :

r. President :

Your committee have had under consideration the following bills, which they instruct me to report back, with recommendation that same do pass, to wit :

A bill to amend an act to create a Park and Tree Commission for the city of Savannah.

A bill to amend the charter of the Georgia College Eclectic Medicine.

Also, the following to be read the second time and committed, to wit :

A bill to amend the charter of the town of Colquitt, and for other purposes.

A bill to declare unlawful all trusts and combinations in restraint of trade, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. GOLIGHTLY, Chairman.

Mr. Stevens, of Eleventh District, Chairman of Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Appropriations have had under consideration the following House resolution, which they recommend do pass, as amended :

A resolution to pay M. J Walker for reporting stenographically the evidence in the convict investigation.

Respectfully submitted.

O. B. STEVENS, Chairman.

The bill of the House, to establish, maintain and regulate a dispensary in Fort Gaines, was read the first time and referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

The special order of this morning was taken up, to wit :

A resolution relating to the response and charges of Mr. Carter, of the Thirty-first District, together with said response and all matters germane thereto.

The resolution was adopted and was ordered immediately transmitted to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Battle, chairman of the joint committee on the part of the Senate to ascertain and report at what time the present General Assembly will adjourn, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

The joint committee appointed on part of the Senate and House to ascertain and report at what time the present General Assembly would adjourn, beg leave to submit the following report :

The constitutional limit of fifty days will expire on Sunday next, the 20th inst., but as the General Assembly cannot sit in session on the Sabbath, the committee is of the opinion that the General Assembly will have to adjourn on Saturday, the 19th inst., which will make forty-nine days that the General Assembly will have been in session.

The committee is further of the opinion that as the General Assembly will only have been in session for forty-nine days, that the members of the General Assembly should only draw per diem for forty-nine days.

The committee recommends that the General Assembly adjourn on Saturday next, and further recommend that per diem shall only be drawn for forty-nine days by the members.

Respectfully submitted.

C. E. BATTLE,
Chairman Senate Committee.

P W MELDRIM,
Chairman House Committee.

The resolution mentioned in the foregoing report was taken up, read, agreed to, and ordered to be transmitted to the House.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Corporations on the bill of the House "amending the charter of the town of Davisboro, in Washington county, and for other purposes."

Proof of legal notice was submitted.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed ; ayes 23, nays 0.

A resolution of the Senate from the Committee on the Penitentiary, indorsing the application for pardon made by Harry Hill and Lord Beresford, was taken up, read and agreed to.

Mr. Sheffield was granted leave of absence on important business.

The report of the Committee on Corporations on the bill of the House "to authorize the City Council of Augusta to grant the use of the streets of said city to the use of railroad companies," etc.

The report was amended as follows: "Provided, That nothing in this act shall be construed to compel the City Council to consent to the laying of tracks, nor to compel it to consent to the use of passenger street railroad tracks by steam railroads ; but whenever steam railroad tracks are laid along or across any street by virtue of the permission of the City Council of Augusta, all steam railroads now or hereafter to be constructed and entering said city shall have the right to use said steam railroad tracks upon equitable terms. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize the

aid City Council to grant the exclusive use of streets or tracks to any one or more corporations."

The report was further amended, on motion of Mr. Holightly, by striking the word "Saundersville," in the nineteenth line of section 1, and inserting the word "Summerville."

The committee reported in favor of its passage, with amendments which were adopted.

The report, as amended, was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed as amended; ayes 28, nays 0.

On motion of Mr. Walker, of the Eighteenth, this bill was ordered to be immediately transmitted to the House.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed the following Senate bills by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit:

A bill to authorize the mayor and council of Millen to issue bonds for school purposes.

Also, a bill to require the tax-collectors of this State to make monthly reports, under oath, of all taxes collected.

Also, a bill to repeal the third section of an act to provide for the appointment of auditors.

Also, a bill to authorize the Ordinary of Appling county to organize chain-gangs of the misdemeanor convicts and work them on the roads in said county.

Also, a bill to repeal an act to fix the compensation of the county treasurer of Meriwether county, and to provide for his compensation.

Also, a bill to amend section 428 of the third volume of the Code of 1895.

The House has also passed the following Senate bills as amended, to wit :

A bill to authorize the Atlanta, Knoxville and Northern Railway Company to acquire certain rights in the use of the right of way of the Western and Atlantic railroad.

Also, a bill to prohibit the practice of law, medicine, dentistry, etc., in this State without having paid the special tax as required by law .

The House has also adopted the following Senate resolution, to wit :

A resolution to authorize the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, and other officers of the General Assembly, to remain after adjournment and finish up the unfinished business.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof :

Mr. President :

The House has concurred in the Senate substitute as amended for House bill, to wit :

A bill to amend an act for the protection of game in this State.

The House has also adopted the following Senate resolution, to wit :

A resolution requesting the General Assembly of Tennessee to enact appropriate legislation authorizing the filing of certain official maps of the Western and Atlantic Railroad, giving the same the force and effect of a record of deeds to lands.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Corporations on the bill of the House "to alter and amend the charter of the town of Bainesville, in the county of Pike, and for other purposes."

Proof of publication was submitted.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed ; ayes 28, nays 0.

Mr. Atkinson was granted leave of absence for the remainder of this day's session on account of sickness.

Mr. Shropshire, Chairman of the Special Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report :

Mr. President :

The Special Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following House bills, which they direct me to report with recommendation that they do pass.

A bill to establish, maintain and regulate a dispensary in the town of Fort Gaines, Clay county, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of Pulaski.

Also, a bill to amend an act incorporating Bowersville, in Hart county.

Also, a bill to amend an act to establish a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues of Bibb county.

A bill to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for Lee county

Also, the following bill as amended :

A bill to provide for the issuance of bonds for the town of Norcross.

Also, a bill to provide when the stock law shall go into effect where any militia district in the future may adopt the stock law, do pass by substitute.

Respectfully submitted.

WESLEY SHROPSHIRE, Chairman.

Mr. Stevens, of the Eleventh District, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Appropriations have had under consideration the following House bill, which they

instruct me, as their chairman, to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass as amended :

A bill to be entitled an act to make appropriations for the ordinary expenses of the Executive, Judicial and Legislative Departments of the government ; payment of the public debt and interest thereon, and for the support of the public institutions and educational interests of the State for each year of 1897 and 1898, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

O. B. STEVENS, Chairman.

The amendments of the House to the bill of the Senate "to prohibit the practice of law, medicine, dentistry, etc., without having paid the special tax as required by law," etc., was taken up and concurred in.

The bill of the House "to repeal an act to create the office of Commissioner of Public Works for the city of Savannah," was taken up under adverse report of the Committee on Corporations and lost by agreement with said report.

The following bills of the House were read the second time and recommitted, to wit :

A bill "to declare all trusts and combinations in restraint of trade and production," etc.

Also, a bill "to amend the charter of the town of Colquitt."

The following bills of the House were read the second time and passed to a third reading, to wit ;

A bill “to amend an act to create a park and tree commission for the city of Savannah.”

Also a bill “to appropriate money for M. J. Walker for reporting stenographically the evidence in the convict investigation.”

The following bills of the House were read the first time and referred as indicated, to wit :

A bill to give the Commissioners of Roads and Revenues and others the authority to lay out, open, change and discontinue public roads, etc.

Referred to the Committee on Public Roads. ;

A resolution providing for payment of pension to Sarah J Snell.

Referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill to create a Board of Pension Commissioners for each county, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Pensions.

A bill to regulate the benefits of all Debenture Redemption Companies, etc.

Referred to the Committee on Banks.

A bill to regulate the business of Fraternal Beneficiary Orders, and for other purposes.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

A bill to regulate returns for consigned goods and farm products.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

A bill to regulate the taking of fish in the streams of Whitfield county.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

A bill to create the office of Commissioner of Pardons.

Referred to the Committee on the Penitentiary.

A bill to amend an act to revive the office of State Geologist.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to provide compensation for the Ordinary of Twiggs county for extra services.

Referred to the Committee on Special Judiciary.

A bill to prevent the adulteration of candy.

Referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

A bill to make it unlawful for Fire Insurance Companies not incorporated to do certain things.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

A resolution to provide for the suspension of the collection of taxes of Charlton county.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

A resolution providing for the printing of the Acts and Resolutions of this session.

Referred to the Committee on Public Printing.

And, a resolution authorizing the Clerk and Secretary to furnish each member of the General Assembly a statement of unfinished business.

Referred to the Committee on Public Printing.

On motion of Mr. Stevens, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, the general appropriation bill was taken up for a third reading and was read.

Mr. Berner, the President, to regulate proceedings in relation to this bill, introduced the following resolutions :

1st. Resolved, That the Appropriation bill shall be considered by paragraphs, and when each paragraph is read it shall be considered as adopted, if there be no objection, without taking a vote thereon.

2d. Resolved, That section 4 and other contested portions of the bill shall be made the special order for to-morrow morning immediately after the reading and confirmation of the Journal.

The resolutions were adopted.

The Appropriation bill was pending as unfinished business when the Senate, on motion, adjourned until 7:30 o'clock p.m.

7:30 O'clock p. m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the President.

The roll-call was, on motion, dispensed with.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Pensions on the bill of the House "to appropriate \$225,000 for pensions of certain Confederate soldiers."

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time, and on the question of its passage the ayes and nays were recorded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Blalock,	Geiger,	Redwine,
Brinson,	Goldin,	Stevens,
Brooke,	Golightly,	Stewart, 27th,
Barter,	Gray,	Stewart, 34th,
Battleberry,	Ham,	Turner,
Book,	Hopkins,	Walker, 40th,
Everett,	Hudson,	Westmoreland,
Fewellen,	Kemp,	Wilcox,
Flynt,	Kilpatrick,	Witcher.

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Allen,	Mann,	Thomson,
Atkinson,	McFarland,	Van Buren,
Battle,	Sheffield,	Walker, 18th,
Comas,	Shropshire,	Wooten,
Culver,	Starr,	Mr. President.
Dunwoody,	Strother,	

Ayes 27 Nays 0. Not voting 17

So the bill was passed by a constitutional majority.

The Senate took up the report of the committee on

the bill of the House to amend the charter of Boston, and for other purposes.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed ; ayes 25, nays 0.

The Senate resumed consideration of the appropriation bill, which, under the order of the President, adopted by the Senate, was to be considered by paragraphs, and all contested portions of the bill were to come up as unfinished business of to-morrow, immediately after the reading and confirmation of the Journal.

The bill was read by paragraphs under this order, and all paragraphs were adopted except those to which amendments were offered and such as are embraced in section 4. These were made the special order for this morning immediately after the reading and confirmation of the Journal.

The Senate took up the following bills of the House, which were read the second time and passed to a third reading, to wit :

A bill "to amend an act to establish a board of commissioners for the county of Bibb, and to define their duties, and for other purposes."

Also, a bill "to create a board of commissioners of roads and public buildings and public property for the county of Lee."

Also, a bill "to provide for the issuance of bonds by the city of Norcross."

Also, a bill "to repeal an act amending the liquor law for Hart county."

Also, a bill "to provide for the payment of costs of court in the trial of misdemeanor cases in this State."

Also, a bill "to amend section 5 of an act approved September 16, 1891, to amend an act incorporating an act to incorporate the town of Bowersville, in Hart county."

Also, a resolution "to appropriate \$60 to pay the pension of Mrs. Dellah Owens, of Rabun county."

Also, a bill "to provide for the payment of the costs of court for the trial of misdemeanor cases in this State."

Also, a bill "to authorize J. C. K. Cotter to peddle without license."

Also, a joint resolution to pay a pension to the widows or minor children of certain deceased Confederate veterans.

Also, a resolution for the appointment of a committee of seven from the House and three from the Senate to examine and report upon the amounts received by the University from the Federal government.

Also, a resolution to accept a portrait of the Hon. R. J. Hardeman, to be hung in the Treasurer's office.

Respectfully submitted.

E. L. BRINSON, Chairman.

Mr. Brinson, Chairman of the Enrolling Committee, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

The Committee on Enrollment have examined and direct me to report as duly enrolled and ready for the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate the following, to wit :

An act to incorporate the town of Mitchell, in the county of Glascock, to grant certain powers and privileges to the same, and for other purposes.

Also, an act to change the time of holding the Superior Court of Burke county.

Also, an act to prohibit the poisoning of any spring, well or reservoir of water, to provide a penalty for a violation of the same.

Also, an act to amend the general pilotage laws of this State, approved December 1, 1886, so as to reduce the number of pilots at St. Marys from eight (8) to four (4).

Mr. Golightly, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

The Committee on Corporations have had under consideration the following bill, which they direct me to report back with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit :

House Bill No. 433, a bill to amend the charter of the town of Colquitt, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. GOLIGHTLY, Chairman.

Mr. Golightly, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Corporations have had under consideration the following bill, which they instruct me to report back with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit:

: House Bill No. 417, a bill to be entitled an act to re-incorporate the town of Lavonia, etc.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. GOLIGHTLY, Chairman.

Mr. Kilpatrick, Chairman of the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following resolution, which they instruct me to report back with recommendation that the same be concurred in, to wit:

A resolution for the relief of the Darien and Western Railroad.

Respectfully submitted.

J. D. KILPATRICK, Chairman.

Mr. Westmoreland, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossing, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

The Committee on Engrossing have had under consideration the following resolution, which they direct me to report as regularly and correctly engrossed, and ready to be transmitted to the House, to wit :

A resolution to appoint a joint committee on lease of convicts, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

G. F. WESTMORELAND, Chairman.

Mr. Golightly, of Thirty-sixth District, Chairman of Corporation Committee, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

Your committee have had under consideration the following House bill, which they recommend do pass :

A bill to be entitled an act to declare unlawful all trusts and combinations in restraint of trade and production, to prescribe penalties therefor, and for other purposes.

Your committee also have had under consideration the following House bill, which they recommend do pass, as amended :

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act incorporating the city of Tallapoosa, in the county of Haralson.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. GOLIGHTLY, Chairman.

Mr. Battle, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

The Committee on General Judiciary have had under consideration the following bills of the House, which they direct me to report, with recommendation that they do pass :

A bill to provide for the payment of costs of court in the trial of misdemeanor cases in this State, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to amend an act approved December 16, 1895, to regulate the returns for consigned goods and farm products.

They direct me to report the following House bills, with recommendation that they pass, as amended :

A bill to be entitled an act to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of DeKalb, to define their powers and duties, and for other purposes, approved December 8, 1886, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of the fees of the clerk of superior court, sheriff, solicitor of the county court, justices of the peace, and for other purposes.

They direct me to report the following House bill, with recommendation that the same do not pass :

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 3462 of

the revised code of 1882 by adding a certain proviso, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

C. E. BATTLE, Chairman.

Mr. Flewellen, Chairman of the Committee of Pensions, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

The Committee on Pensions have had under consideration House Resolution No. 71, to appropriate sixty dollars to pay the pension of Mrs. Delila Owens, of Rabun county, for the year 1895, and direct me to report it back, with recommendation that it do pass.

Also, Senate Bill No. 72, to be entitled an act to amend section 2 of an act of 1890 and 1891, providing for examination of pension rolls by the grand juries of the State, and to strike therefrom all Confederate soldiers or widows whose taxable property amounts to sixteen hundred dollars, or more, which bill I am directed to report back, with recommendation that it be laid on the table till next session.

Also, House Resolution No. 22, providing for payment of pension to Sarah J. Snell, which I am directed to report back, with recommendation that it do pass.

Respectfully submitted.

E. A. FLEWELLEN, Chairman.

Mr. Blalock, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report :

Mr. President :

The Committee on Finance have had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back, with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit :

House Bill No. 441, a bill to authorize J. C. K. Cotter to peddle without license.

Respectfully submitted.

A. C. BLALOCK, Chairman.

Mr. Golightly, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report :

Mr. President :

The Corporation Committee direct me to report the following bills, with recommendation that they do pass :

A bill to authorize Augusta City Council to improve the sidewalks of said city.

Also, a bill to repeal all laws incorporating the town of Buford, and enacting a new charter for the same.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. GOLIGHTLY, Chairman.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof :

Mr. President :

The House has concurred in the Senate amendments to the following House bill, to wit :

A bill to authorize the city of Augusta to grant the use of the streets of the city of Augusta to any railroad company and other corporations.

The House has adopted the following resolution, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit :

A resolution that the Senators and Representatives in Congress to support House Bill No. 3273, for classification of clerks in first and second class post-offices.

The House has also passed the following Senate bills by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills, to wit :

A bill to amend the charter of Baxley to provide for a free school system.

The Senate took up the report of the Special Judiciary Committee on the bill of the Senate to provide when the stock law shall go into effect in militia districts which may adopt the stock law

The committee reported in favor of its passage by substitute, which was adopted, and the report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, as amended, by substitute ; ayes 23, nays 0.

A joint resolution from the House "to provide for applying a deficiency in the contingent fund," was read the third time and laid on the table.

The Senate took up the report of the General Judiciary Committee on the bill of the House "to repeal an act to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue of DeKalb county.

Proof of legal notice was submitted.

The committee reported in favor of its passage with amendments, which were adopted, and the report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed as amended; ayes 25, nays 0.

The following bills and resolutions of the House were taken up under favorable reports of committees, the reports were agreed to and the bills were read the third time and passed, as indicated, to wit:

A bill "to repeal an act incorporating the town of Homerville, in Clinch county."

Ayes 23, nays 0.

A bill "to amend the charter of the Georgia College of Eclectic Medicine and Surgery."

Ayes 23, nays 1.

A bill "to amend, revise and alter the acts incorporating the town of Whigham, in Decatur county."

Ayes 24, nays 0.

A bill "to repeal all laws incorporating the town of Buford and enacting a new charter."

Amended and passed; ayes 23, nays 0.

A bill to authorize the city council of Augusta to improve the streets of said city.

Ayes 23, nays 0.

A joint resolution "to appoint a committee to attend the commencement exercises of the University in 1897."

Ayes 23, nays 0.

A resolution "authorizing the Governor to appoint delegates to the Good Roads Congress, at Orlando, Fla."

Ayes 24, nays 0.

Also, a resolution "to suspend the collection of State taxes in the county of McIntosh for the year 1896."

Ayes 23, nays 0.

Proofs of publication were submitted in the case of each local bill in the foregoing classification.

The Senate, on motion, adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Friday, December 18, 1896, 10 O'clock a. m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, the President in the chair.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

On the call of the roll, the following Senators answered their names :

en,	Gray,	Strother,
inson,	Ham,	Thomson,
ason,	Hopkins,	Turner,
oke,	Hudson,	Van Buren,
tleberry,	Mann,	Walker, 18th,
ias,	McFarland,	Walker, 40th,
ver,	Redwine,	Westmoreland,
wellen,	Shropshire,	Wilcox,
at,	Starr,	Witcher,
zer,	Stevens,	Wooten,
din,	Stewart, 27th,	Mr. President.
ightly,		

Those absent were Messrs.—

le,	Dunwody,	Kilpatrick,
ock,	Everett,	Sheffield,
er,	Kemp,	Stewart, 34th.
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Mr. Van Buren, Chairman of the Committee on Journals, reported the Journal correct.

It was then read and confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof :

President:

The House has concurred in the following Senate resolutions, to wit :

A resolution concurring in and adopting certain additional terms proposed by the city of Atlanta affecting Wall street and certain property designated as the "triangle."

Also, a resolution directing proceedings to be instituted for recovery of the original depot grounds belonging to the State at Chattanooga, Tenn.

Mr. Redwine, Chairman Committee on Manufactures, submitted the following report :

Mr President:

The Committee on Manufactures have had under consideration the following House bill, which they direct me to report, with recommendation that the same pass as amended, to wit :

A bill to prevent the adulteration of candy.

Respectfully submitted.

J. E. REDWINE, Chairman.

Mr. Stevens offered a resolution limiting the speeches upon all questions during the consideration of the appropriation bill and the tax bill.

Upon the question of adopting the resolution the ayes and nays were recorded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Battle,	Ham,	Stevens,
Blalock,	Hopkins,	Stewart, 27th,
Brinson,	Hudson,	Turner,
Culver,	Kemp,	Van Buren,
Everett,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 40th,
Flynt,	Mann,	Westmoreland.
Gray,		

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Geiger,	Stewart, 34th,
Brooke,	Goldin,	Strother,
Carter,	Golightly,	Walker, 18th,
Castleberry,	Redwine,	Wilcox,
Comas,	Shropshire,	Witcher,
Dunwody,	Starr,	Wooten,
Flewellen,		

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	McFarland,	Thomson,
Cook,	Sheffield,	Mr. President.

Ayes 19. Nays 19. Not voting 6.

So the resolution was not agreed to.

The general appropriation bill was taken up as the special order of this morning, the paragraphs not contested having been adopted last night.

All amendments to the paragraphs of the first section offered last night were put to a vote of the Senate and severally lost by a viva voce vote, except the proposed amendment of Mr. Carter to strike off lines 30 and 31 of the first section, on which he demanded a vote by yeas and nays.

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Carter,	Kemp,
Brooke,	Castleberry,	Walker, 18th.

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Blalock,	Hopkins,	Stewart, 27th,
Brinson,	Hudson,	Strother,
Comas,	Kilpatrick,	Turner,
Culver,	Mann,	Van Buren,
Dunwody,	McFarland,	Walker, 40th,
Everett,	Redwine,	Westmoreland,

Flynt,
Golightly,
Gray,
Ham,

Shropshire,
Starr,
Stevens,

Wilcox,
Witcher,
Wooten.

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Atkinson,
Battle,
Cook,
Flewellen,

Geiger,
Goldin,
Sheffield,

Stewart, 34th,
Thomson,
Mr. President.

Ayes 6. Nays 28. Not voting 10.

The amendment was, therefore, lost.

The first section was adopted.

The following amendment of Mr. Hudson was adopted, to wit :

Amend section 2, line 8, by striking \$1,500 and inserting \$1,000.

Mr. Carter proposed to amend section 3, twelfth line, by striking out “sixty” and inserting “forty,” and on this he demanded the ayes and nays.

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Allen,
Brooke,
Carter,

Castleberry,
Goldin,

Kemp,
Strother.

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Blalock,
Brinson,
Comas,
Culver,
Dunwody,
Everett,
Flewellen,

Gray,
Ham,
Hopkins,
Hudson,
Kilpatrick,
Mann,
Redwine,

Stewart, 27th,
Stewart, 34th,
Turner,
Van Buren,
Walker, 18th,
Walker, 40th,
Westmoreland,

Flynt,
Geiger,
Golightly,

Shropshire,
Starr,
Stevens,

Wilcox,
Witcher,
Wooten.

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Atkinson,
Battle,
Cook,

McFarland,
Sheffield,

Thomson,
Mr. President.

Ayes 7. Nays 30. Not voting 7.

So the amendment was lost.

The Senate, on motion, reconsidered the amendment striking out from the 12th line of section 2 the figures \$1,500 and inserting \$1,000.

This amendment was withdrawn.

Section 2 was adopted without amendment.

Section 2 was read and amended in the 24th line by striking out the word “one” and inserting the word “two,” which provides for two assistant doorkeepers of the Senate.

The amendment of the committee to section 1 was adopted: “For salary of Commissioner of Pensions, \$2,000,” said amendment to come in at the end of said section.

The first section, as amended, was agreed to.

Section 3, line 37, was amended, on motion of the committee, by striking out “one” and inserting “two” assistant doorkeepers of the Senate.

The committee amended section 3, in the 39th line,

by adding "and one additional porter in the Senate, for the year 1896, at two dollars per diem."

This amendment was adopted.

The committee proposed to amend section 3, line 31, by adding at the end thereof: "For two additional pages in the Senate, for the year 1896, two dollars per diem each."

This amendment was adopted.

The committee proposed to amend by adding the following at the end of said section 3: "For the payment for one hundred chairs for use of committee rooms, \$100.70."

This amendment was adopted.

Section 3 was agreed to as amended.

Section 4 was amended, on motion of the committee, by inserting in line 14, after the words "Executive Committee," the following: "For steam heating, \$5,000; for electric lighting, \$2,000; for shop equipments, \$2,500; for painting tin deck roofing, cornice, window frames, etc., to all buildings, \$1,500, or so much thereof as may be necessary."

This amendment was adopted.

The committee proposed to amend section 4, in the 3d line of page 6, by striking out "\$270,000" and inserting "\$280,000 for the lunatic asylum for 1897" Strike "\$280,000 for 1898" and insert "\$290,000."

This amendment was adopted.

The committee further proposed to amend section 4 by adding, in the next line to the last line in engrossed copy, the following words: "And the additional sum of \$6,391.06 for furnishing and equipping the dormitories of said Georgia Normal and Industrial College."

On the adoption of this amendment the ayes and nays were demanded and recorded.

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Battle,	Golightly,	Starr,
Blalock,	Gray,	Stevens,
Brinson,	Ham,	Stewart, 27th,
Comas,	Hopkins,	Stewart, 34th,
Culver,	Hudson,	Thomson,
Dunwody,	Kilpatrick,	Van Buren.
Flewellen,	Mann,	Westmoreland,
Flynt,	Redwine,	Wilcox,
Geiger,	Shropshire,	Witcher,

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Everett,	Turner,
Brooke,	Goldin,	Walker, 18th.
Carter,	Kemp,	Walker, 40th,
Castleberry,	Strother,	

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	McFarland,	Wooten,
Cook,	Sheffield,	Mr. President.

Ayes 27 Nays 11. Not voting 6.

So the amendment was adopted.

Upon the adoption of paragraph 6 of the 4th section, the ayes and nays were recorded.

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Flynt,	McFarland,
Battle,	Geiger,	Starr,
Blalock,	Goldin,	Stevens,
Brinson,	Gray,	Stewart, 27th,
Brooke,	Ham,	Van Buren,
Castleberry,	Hopkins,	Walker, 40th,
Comas,	Hudson,	Westmoreland,
Culver,	Kilpatrick,	Wilcox,
Dunwody,	Mann,	Witcher,
Flewellen,		

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Kemp,	Strother,
Carter,	Redwine,	Turner,
Everett,	Shropshire,	Walker, 18th,
Golightly,	Stewart, 34th,	

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Cook,	Thomson,	Mr. President.
Sheffield,	Wooten,	

Ayes 28. Nays 11. Not voting 5.

So the 6th paragraph of the 4th section was adopted.

Mr. Shropshire, Chairman of the Special Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report :

Mr. President :

Your committee have had under consideration the following bills, which they instruct me to report back, with recommendation that the same do pass, to wit :

A bill to establish a system of public schools in the town of Raccoon, in Chattooga county, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to regulate the taking of fish in the streams of Whitfield county, and for other purposes.

Also, an act creating a Board of County Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for Charlton county.

Also, the following bill, which they recommend do not pass :

A bill to prohibit hunting or fishing on the lands of another in the county of DeKalb, and for other purposes.

Also, the following bills, which they recommend be read a second time and recommitted, to wit :

A bill to amend an act incorporating the town of Jefferson, in the county of Jackson, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to create an act to provide for compensation of Ordinary of Twiggs county for extra services.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to amend the public school system of Madison, Ga., and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

WESLEY SHROPSHIRE, Chairman.

Mr. Turner, Chairman pro tem. of the Committee on Temperance, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

The Committee on Temperance have had under consideration House Bill No. 332, entitled an act to repeal

an act amending the liquor law for Hart county, and for other purposes; and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it be returned to the House, that the introducer of the bill may have an opportunity of withdrawing the same.

Respectfully submitted.

W W TURNER, Chairman pro tem.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed the following Senate bills by the constitutional majority, to wit:

A bill to require all claimants of land sold under transferred wild land tax *fi. fas.* prior to the first day of January, 1880, to bring suit for such land within six months, and to provide for the manner of bringing suits.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the Atlanta and West Point Railroad Company.

Also, a bill to authorize the Railroad Commission to compel witnesses to testify and to relieve such witnesses from prosecution.

The House has also concurred in the following Senate resolution, to wit:

A resolution continuing in existence the special commission allowed under a joint resolution approved De-

cember 18, 1894, concerning the Western and Atlantic Railroad.

Mr. McFarland, Chairman of the Committee on Public Roads, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Public Roads have had under consideration the following bill, which they direct me to report with recommendation that the same do pass:

A bill to amend an act to give the Commissioners of Roads and Revenues or the Ordinary the authority to lay out, open, change, discontinue public roads, to levy tax for same, and for other purposes.

T. F. McFARLAND, Chairman.

The consideration of the general appropriation bill was temporarily suspended to allow the second reading and recommitment of certain bills of the House.

Mr. Atkinson during his indisposition was excused from attendance upon the Senate.

The Senate adjourned, on motion, until 3 o'clock p.m.

3 O'clock p.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, the President presiding.

The call of the roll was, on motion, dispensed with.

The bill of the House, to repeal an act amending the liquor law of Hart county, was, on motion of Mr. Turner, returned to the House with the request that the introducer be allowed to withdraw the same.

Mr. Blalock, Chairman of Committee on Finance, submitted the following report :

Mr. President :

Your committee have had under consideration the following resolution, which they instruct me to report back, with recommendation that same be read a second time and recommitted, to wit :

A resolution providing for suspension of collecting taxes in the county of Charlton for the year 1896.

Respectfully submitted.

A. C. BLALOCK, Chairman.

Mr. Kilpatrick, Chairman of the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report :

Mr. President :

Your committee have had under consideration the following bill, which they instruct me to report back, with recommendation that the same do pass, to wit :

A bill to authorize the sale of the Northeastern Railroad, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

J. D. KILPATRICK, Chairman.

The joint resolution of the House, relative to the appointment of a School-Book Commission, which was passed by the Senate, with an amendment, which amendment was amended in the House, was taken up and the House amendment was concurred in.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Ir. President:

The House has passed the following Senate bill by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit:

A bill to provide for the uniform amendment of bank charters.

The House has adopted the following joint resolution in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution relative to pensions of the veterans of the war with Mexico by the general government.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Ir. President:

The House has concurred in the Senate amendments to the following House bills, to wit:

A bill to repeal the charter of the town of Buford and enacting a new charter for the same.

Also, a bill to repeal an act to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for DeKalb county, approved December 8th, 1886.

The House has also passed the following Senate bill by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit :

A bill to amend an act to provide for the establishment of a State Naval Militia.

The Senate, on motion, adjourned until 7:30 p. m.

7:30 O'clock p. m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, the President in the chair.

The roll-call was dispensed with.

The following bills were taken up, read the second time and recommitted :

A bill to authorize the establishment of chain-gang farms and other enterprises in this State.

Also, a bill to create an act to provide for compensation of Ordinary of Twiggs county for extra services.

Also, a bill amending an act incorporating the town of Jefferson, in the county of Jackson.

Also, a bill to amend the public school system of Madison, Ga.

Also, a bill to create the office of Commissioner of Pardons, and for other purposes.

The following bills were taken up, read the second time and passed to a third reading, to wit :

A bill to amend an act to regulate the returns of con-
signed goods and farm products.

Also, a bill to amend an act to give the Commissioner
of Roads and Revenues, and others, the power to lay
out, open, change and discontinue public roads.

Also, a bill to regulate the taking of fish in the
streams of Whitfield county.

Also, a bill to establish, maintain and regulate a dis-
pensary in the town of Fort Gaines, and for other pur-
poses.

Also, a bill to regulate the benefits of all debenture
redemption companies, etc.

Also, a bill to create a Board of Commissioners of
Roads and Revenues for Charlton county.

Also, a bill to prevent adulteration of candy.

Also, a resolution providing for paying of pension of
Sarah J. Snell.

Also, a resolution providing for suspension of collec-
tion of taxes for Charlton county for year 1896.

The Senate resumed consideration of the general ap-
propriation bill.

The committee proposed to amend the 4th section,
line 21, page 9, by adding the following proviso:
Provided, that the commission, or local board of trus-
tees, be authorized to expend such part of the said ap-
propriation as they may think proper for building and

furnishing the State Normal School at Rock College, at Athens.

Mr. Gray moved to amend by striking out "from \$22,500," in the 52d line of section 4, and inserting "\$10,000" in lieu thereof.

On this proposition the ayes and nays were recorded.

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Flewellen,	Shropshire,
Battle,	Geiger,	Stewart, 34th,
Blalock,	Gray,	Strother,
Castleberry,	Ham,	Turner,
Culver,	Redwine,	Walker, 18th,
Everett,		

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Brinson,	Hudson,	Stewart, 27th,
Brooke,	Kilpatrick,	Thomson,
Comas,	Mann,	Van Buren,
Dunwody,	McFarland,	Wilcox,
Flynt,	Starr,	Witcher,
Golightly,	Stevens,	Wooten.
Hopkins,		

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Goldin,	Walker, 40th,
Carter,	Kemp,	Westmoreland,
Cook,	Sheffield,	Mr. President.

Ayes 16. Nays 19. Not voting 9.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Shropshire moved to amend section four by striking from the same lines 51 and 52.

On this proposed amendment the ayes and nays were required to be recorded.

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Everett,	Redwine,
Battle,	Flewellen,	Shropshire,
Blalock,	Gray,	Stewart, 34th,
Bulver,	Ham,	Walker, 18th.

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Brinson,	Hopkins,	Strother,
Brooke,	Hudson,	Thomson,
Castleberry,	Kilpatrick,	Turner,
Comas,	Mann,	Van Buren,
Dunwody,	McFarland,	Walker, 40th,
Elynt,	Starr,	Wilcox,
Feiger,	Stevens,	Witcher,
Folightly,	Stewart, 27th,	Wooten.

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Goldin,	Westmoreland,
Barter,	Kemp,	Mr. President.
Book,	Sheffield,	

Ayes 12. Nays 24. Not voting 8.

So the amendment was lost.

This paragraph was adopted.

The paragraph ending with the 56th line was adopted.

Mr. Starr moved to amend section four by striking \$1,000,000 and inserting \$800,000 at the end of line 57.

On this motion the ayes and nays were required to be recorded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Battle,	Kilpatrick,	Stewart, 34th,
Brooke,	McFarland,	Thomson,
Castleberry,	Redwine,	Turner,
Bulver,	Shropshire,	Witcher.
Flewellen,	Starr,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Goldin,	Stewart, 27th,
Blalock,	Golightly,	Strother,
Brinson,	Gray,	Van Buren,
Comas,	Hopkins,	Walker, 18th,
Dunwody,	Hudson,	Walker, 40th,
Everett,	Mann,	Wilcox,
Flynt,	Stevens,	Wooten.
Geiger,		

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Ham,	Westmoreland,
Carter,	Kemp,	Mr. President.
Cook,	Sheffield,	

Ayes 14. Nays 22. Not voting 8.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Battle moved to strike from the 57th line of the fourth section \$1,000,000 and insert \$750,000.

On this the ayes and nays were recorded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Battle,	Stewart, 34th,	Turner,
Starr,	Thomson,	Witcher.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Geiger,	Shropshire,
Blalock,	Goldin,	Stevens,
Brinson,	Golightly,	Stewart, 27th,
Brooke,	Gray,	Strother,
Castleberry,	Ham,	Van Buren,
Comas,	Hopkins,	Walker, 18th,
Culver,	Hudson,	Walker, 40th,
Dunwody,	Mann,	Wilcox,
Everett,	McFarland,	Wooten.
Flynt,	Redwine,	

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Flewellen,	Sheffield,
Carter,	Kemp,	Westmoreland,
Cook,	Kilpatrick,	Mr. President.

Ayes 6. Nays 29. Not voting 9.

So the amendment was lost.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed the following House bill by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit:

A bill to make Stafford's Office Calendar legal evidence covering all dates between the years 1490 and 2000, both old and new style, in all the courts of this State.

The House has also passed the following Senate bill by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit:

A bill to authorize the town of Calhoun to establish and maintain a system of public schools.

Also, a bill to amend the last paragraph of section 918 of the Code of 1882.

The committee to draft memorial resolutions on the death of Hon. R. U. Hardeman consists of Messrs. Stewart of the Twenty-seventh District, Turner, Starr and Van Buren.

Mr. Westmoreland, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossing, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Engrossing have had under consideration the following bill, which they direct me to report back as properly engrossed and ready to be transmitted to the House, to wit:

1 A bill to be entitled an act to repeal section 1455 (a) of the Code of 1882, which requires such tribunals as have jurisdiction over county matters to build fences around militia districts adopting the State law; also, to repeal section 1455 (b) of said Code, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

G. F. WESTMORELAND, Chairman.

The committee proposed to amend the 2d paragraph of the 6th section by adding at the end thereof the following:

“And the sum of three thousand dollars, of which amount one thousand dollars shall be paid out of the money remaining in the State treasury of the direct tax refunded under the act of Congress of 1891, and two thousand dollars out of the money now in the hands of the Governor earned by the Northeastern Railroad while being operated by the State, which the board appointed by the resolution of December 12, 1894, providing for a State exhibit at the Cotton States and International Exposition in 1895, is authorized to expend in the same manner, as set forth in said resolution, in making an exhibit of the agricultural and material wealth and progress of the State at the Tennessee Centennial and International Exposition at Nashville, in 1897,

and for such purpose the said board is directed to use the permanent and durable part of the exhibit at said Exposition of 1895, now on exhibit in the Capitol building, and supplement same with such agricultural products as the said board may deem advisable. All of the provisions and terms of said resolution of 1894, are hereby made to apply as far as practicable to the exhibit herein contemplated, and the money set apart for same.

“Also, the further sum of one thousand dollars to be paid out of the monies in the hands of the Governor arising from the operation of the Northeastern Railroad Company before the same was leased, or out of any money in the hands of the Governor, or in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the proper representation of the women of Georgia, and the exhibition of woman’s work at the Tennessee Centennial, to be expended under the supervision of the board created by the act of 1895, for the Exposition of Atlanta, and to be used for the purposes hereinbefore stated in the space allotted to Georgia in the Woman’s building.”

On this amendment the ayes and nays were recorded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Battle,	Flewellen,	Starr,
Blalock,	Geiger,	Stevens,
Brinson,	Golightly,	Stewart, 27th,
Battleberry,	Ham,	Strother,
Comas,	Hudson,	Thomson,
Culver,	Mann,	Van Buren,
Dunwoody,	Shropshire,	Witcher.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Goldin,	Walker, 18th,
Brooke,	Hopkins,	Walker, 40th,
Everett,	Redwine,	Wooten.
Flynt,	Turner,	

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Kemp,	Stewart, 34th,
Carter,	Kilpatrick,	Westmoreland,
Cook,	McFarland,	Wilcox.
Gray,	Sheffield,	Mr. President.

Ayes 21. Nays 11. Not voting 12.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Walker, of the Eighteenth District, moved to amend by striking out \$20,000 in line 34 of section 6, and inserting \$15,000.

On this the ayes and nays were recorded.

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Goldin,	Thomson,
Brooke,	Redwine,	Walker, 18th,
Carter,	Starr,	Walker, 40th,
Castleberry,	Stewart, 34th,	Witcher,
Flewellen,	Strother,	Wooten.
Flynt,		

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Battle,	Geiger,	McFarland,
Blalock,	Golightly,	Shropshire,
Brinson,	Gray,	Stevens,
Comas,	Ham,	Stewart, 27th,
Culver,	Hopkins,	Turner,
Dunwody,	Hudson,	Van Buren.
Everett,	Mann,	

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Kilpatrick,	Wilcox,
Cook,	Sheffield,	Mr. President.
Kemp,	Westmoreland.	

Ayes 16. Nays 20. Not voting 8.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Brooks moved to amend line 41 of section 6 by striking out \$30,000 and inserting \$15,000.

The ayes and nays were recorded on this proposition.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Flynt,	Starr,
Brooke,	Goldin,	Stewart, 34th,
Carter,	Kemp,	Strother,
Castleberry,	McFarland,	Walker, 18th,
Everett,	Redwine,	Walker, 40th,
Flewellen,	Shropshire,	Wooten.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.—

Battle,	Gray,	Thomson,
Blalock,	Ham,	Turner,
Brinson,	Hopkins,	Van Buren,
Comas,	Hudson,	Westmoreland,
Culver,	Mann,	Wilcox,
Dunwody,	Stevens,	Witcher.
Geiger,	Stewart, 27th,	

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Golightly,	Sheffield,
Cook,	Kilpatrick,	Mr. President.

Ayes 18. Nays 20. Not voting 6.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Walker, of the Eighteenth District, moved to amend by striking out lines 38, 39, 40 and 41 of section 6.

On this motion the ayes and nays were recorded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Flynt,	Strother,
Carter,	Kemp,	Walker, 18th.
Castleberry,	Shropshire,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.—

Battle,	Gray,	Stewart, 27th,
Blalock,	Ham,	Thomson,
Brinson,	Hopkins,	Turner,
Comas,	Hudson,	Van Buren,
Culver,	Mann,	Walker, 40th,
Dunwody,	McFarland,	Westmoreland,
Everett,	Redwine,	Wilcox,
Flewellen,	Starr,	Witcher,
Geiger,	Stevens,	Wooten.
Golightly,		

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Goldin,	Stewart, 34th,
Brooke,	Kilpatrick,	Mr. President.
Cook,	Sheffield,	

Ayes 8. Nays 28. Not voting 8.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Stewart, of the Thirty-fourth District, moved to amend by striking in line 41 of the 6th section the words “thirty thousand” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “twenty thousand.”

On this amendment the ayes and nays were recorded.

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Goldin,	Stewart, 34th,
Brooke,	Golightly,	Strother,
Carter,	Kemp,	Turner,
Castleberry,	McFarland,	Walker, 18th,
Everett,	Redwine,	Walker, 40th,
Flewellen,	Shropshire,	Wooten.
Flynt,	Starr,	

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Battle,	Gray,	Stewart, 27th,
Blalock,	Ham,	Thomson,

Brinson,	Hopkins,	Van Buren.
Comas,	Hudson,	Westmoreland,
Culver,	Kilpatrick,	Wilcox,
Dunwoody,	Mann,	Witcher,
Feiger,	Stevens,	Mr. President.

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Cook,	Sheffield.
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Ayes 20. Nays 21. Not voting 3.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Stewart moved to amend by striking from line 41 of the 6th section \$30,000 and inserting in lieu thereof \$25,000.

On this the ayes and nays were recorded.

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Goldin,	Stewart, 34th,
Brooke,	Golightly,	Strother,
Carter,	Kemp,	Turner,
Castleberry,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 18th,
Culver,	McFarland,	Walker, 40th,
Everett,	Redwine,	Westmoreland,
Flewellen,	Shropshire,	Witcher,
Flynt,	Starr,	Wooten.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.—

Battle,	Gray,	Stevens,
Blalock,	Ham,	Stewart, 27th,
Brinson,	Hopkins,	Thomson,
Comas,	Hudson,	Van Buren,
Dunwoody,	Mann,	Wilcox.
Feiger,		

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Sheffield,	Mr. President.
Cook,		

Ayes 24. Nays 16. Not voting 4.

So the amendment was adopted.

The various sections of the bill were adopted.

The report as amended was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time, and on the question of its passage as amended the ayes and nays were recorded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Battle,	Flynt,	Shropshire,
Blalock,	Geiger,	Stevens,
Brinson,	Golightly,	Stewart, 27th,
Brooke,	Ham,	Thomson,
Comas,	Hopkins,	Van Buren,
Culver,	Hudson,	Westmoreland,
Dunwody,	Mann,	Witcher.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.—

Carter,	McFarland,	Strother,
Castleberry,	Redwine,	Walker, 18th,
Goldin,	Starr,	Walker, 40th.
Kemp,		

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Allen,	Gray,	Turner,
Atkinson,	Kilpatrick,	Wilcox,
Cook,	Sheffield,	Wooten,
Everett,	Stewart, 34th,	Mr. President.
Flewellen,		

Ayes 21. Nays 10. Not voting 13.

Before the announcement of the vote on this bill it was, on motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Turner was, on his application, excused from voting on the bill.

Mr. Blalock, Chairman pro tem. of the Printing Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Printing have had under consideration the following resolutions, which they direct me to report back, with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit:

A joint resolution authorizing the Public Printer to print the acts and resolutions passed at this session at the earliest possible date.

Also, a resolution instructing the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House to publish and mail to each member of the General Assembly a statement and the status of the unfinished business of the session at time of adjournment.

Respectfully submitted.

A. C. BLALOCK, Chairman.

Mr. Shropshire, Chairman of the Special Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Special Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following House bills, which they

direct me to report with the recommendation that they do pass :

A bill to repeal the second section of an act approved March 1, 1875, to fix the compensation of the county treasurer of Jefferson county.

Also, a bill to amend the public school system of Madison, Ga., and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to amend an act to incorporate the town of Rochelle, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to amend an act incorporating the town of Jefferson, in Jackson county.

Also, a bill to create an act to provide for the compensation of the Ordinary of Twiggs county, and for other purposes. .

Respectfully submitted.

WESLEY SHROPSHIRE, Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Turner, the resolution from the House requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to give their support to House Bill No. 3273 in furtherance of the classification of clerks in the first and second class post-offices, was taken up and concurred in.

The amendments of the House to the bill of the Senate authorizing the Atlanta, Knoxville and Northern Railway Company to acquire certain rights in the use of the right of way of the Western and Atlantic Railroad in and near the city of Marietta, was taken up and concurred in.

The resolution to appropriate sixty dollars to pay the pension of Mrs. Della Owens, of Rabun county, was taken up under a favorable report of the Committee on Pensions.

The report was agreed to.

The resolution was read the third time and the ayes and nays were recorded.

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Blalock,	Golightly,	Stewart, 34th,
Brinson,	Ham,	Thomson,
Brooke,	Hopkins,	Turner,
Castleberry,	Hudson,	Van Buren,
Culver,	Kemp,	Walker, 18th,
Everett,	McFarland,	Walker, 40th,
Flewellen,	Shropshire,	Westmoreland,
Flynt,	Stevens,	Witcher.
Goldin,	Stewart, 27th,	

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Allen,	Dunwody,	Sheffield,
Atkinson,	Geiger,	Starr,
Battle,	Gray,	Strother,
Carter,	Kilpatrick,	Wilcox,
Comas,	Mann,	Wooten,
Cook,	Redwine,	Mr. President.

Ayes 26. Nays 0. Not voting 18.

So the resolution was passed.

The following bills were read a second time and re-committed :

A bill making it unlawful for Fire Insurance Companies, not incorporated in this State, to do certain things.

A bill to amend an act to entirely prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors in Irwin county.

The following bills were read a second time and passed to a third reading :

A bill to fix the compensation of the county treasurer of Jefferson county.

Read the third time and passed ; ayes 24, nays 0.

A bill declaring unlawful all trusts and combinations in restraint of trade and production.

Read the third time and passed ; ayes 31, nays 0.

A bill to amend an act to revive the office of State Geologist.

A resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House to furnish a statement of unfinished business to each and every member of the General Assembly

A resolution providing for publishing of acts and resolutions of this session.

The following bill was taken up and passed as amended:

A bill to incorporate the city of Tallapoosa, in county of Haralson.

The following bill was taken up and tabled, upon motion of Senator Kilpatrick:

A bill to authorize the sale of the Northeastern Railroad, and for other purposes.

Mr. Turner gave notice that he would in the morning move a reconsideration of the amendment of the general appropriation bill, which appropriates \$4,000.00 for the Georgia exhibit at the Nashville Centennial.

The Senate, on motion, adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia.

Saturday, December 19, 1896, 10 O'clock a.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, the President in the chair.

☞ Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The roll-call was, on motion, dispensed with.

Mr. Van Buren, Chairman of the Committee on Journals, reported the Journal correct. It was then read and confirmed by the Senate.

The following communication was received from his Excellency, the Governor, through his Secretary, Mr. Warren, to wit:

Mr. President:

I am directed by the Governor to deliver to the Senate a sealed communication, to which he respectfully invites the consideration of your honorable body in executive session.

The Senate went into executive session, and returned to open session.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has adopted the following resolution, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution providing for a recess of General Assembly until 10 a.m. on first Wednesday in February, 1897

Mr. Turner moved to reconsider all paragraphs of the general appropriation bill which were acted upon yesterday.

Mr. Berner moved to lay this motion on the table, and the yeas and nays were recorded thereon.

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Flynt,	Stevens,
Battle,	Geiger,	Stewart, 27th,
Blalock,	Golightly,	Thomson,
Brinson,	Gray,	Van Buren,
Comas,	Ham,	Westmoreland,
Culver,	Hopkins,	Wilcox,
Dunwody,	Hudson,	Witcher.
Flewellen,	Mann,	

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Goldin,	Starr,
Brooke,	Kemp,	Strother,
Carter,	McFarland,	Turner,
Castleberry,	Redwine,	Walker, 18th,
Everett,	Shropshire,	Walker, 40th.

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Cook,	Sheffield,	Wooten,
Kilpatrick,	Stewart, 34th,	Mr. President.

Ayes 23. Nays 15. Not voting 6.

So the motion to lay on the table prevailed.

Mr. Battle offered the following resolution fixing the order of business for this day :

Resolved, That the following shall be the order of business for to-day's session :

1. Completion of Appropriation act and Code appropriation.

2. All bills to concur, insist or recede from amendments.

3. Tax bill.

4. Other business.

The resolution was adopted.

The general appropriation bill was taken up under the order of business.

The report having been agreed to yesterday and the bill read the third time, the vote by ayes and nays was taken thereon this day.

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Battle,	Flynt,	Stevens,
Blalock,	Geiger,	Stewart, 27th,
Brinson,	Golightly,	Thomson,
Brooke,	Gray,	Van Buren,

Comas,	Hopkins,	Westmoreland,
Culver,	Hudson,	Wilcox,
Dunwody,	Mann,	Witcher.
Everett,	Starr,	

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Redwine,	Turner,
Carter,	Shropshire,	Walker, 18th,
Castleberry,	Strother,	Walker, 40th.
McFarland,		

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Ham,	Stewart, 34th,
Cook,	Kemp,	Wooten.
Flewellen,	Kilpatrick,	Mr. President.
Goldin,	Sheffield,	

Ayes 23. Nays 10. Not voting 11.

So the bill was passed, as amended, by a constitutional majority, and on motion of Mr. Stevens, ordered to be immediately transmitted to the House.

Mr. Golightly, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Corporations have had under consideration the following bill, which they instruct me to report back, with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit:

House Bill No. 397, a bill to be entitled an act to amend, change and repeal the charter of the town of Arabi, in the county of Dooly, approved September 14, 1891, so that the term of the Mayor and Aldermen shall be two years instead of one. Also, granting cer-

tain tramroad privileges through the streets of said town, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

J F GOLIGHTLY, Chairman.

Mr. Golightly, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report :

Mr President:

The Committee on Corporations have had under consideration the following bill, which they direct me to report back, with the recommendation that the same do not pass :

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate and authorize city municipalities to grant the use of streets to corporations.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F GOLIGHTLY, Chairman.

Mr. Hudson, from the Committee on Agriculture, made the following report :

Mr. President:

The Committee on Agriculture have had under consideration House Bill No. 340, by Mr. McGehee, a bill to be entitled an act to amend the fertilizer laws of Georgia. They instruct me as their chairman to report back with recommendation that the same be carried over to the fifth day of next session and be recommitted.

T. G. HUDSON, Chairman.

Mr. Stewart, of Thirty-fourth District, Chairman of Committee on Banks, submitted the following report :

Mr. President :

Your committee have had under consideration the following bill, which they instruct me report back, with recommendation that same do pass as amended, to wit :

A bill to regulate the benefits of debenture redemption companies, etc.

Respectfully submitted.

T. D. STEWART, Chairman.

Mr. Blalock, Chairman of the Finance Committee, submitted the following report :

Mr. President :

The Committee on Finance have had under consideration the following bill, which they direct me to report back, with the recommendation that the same do pass as amended, to wit :

House Bill No. 167, a bill to levy and collect a tax for the support of the State government and the public institutions ; for executive purposes ; to pay the interest on the public debt ; to pay the pensions of Confederate soldiers, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

A. C. BLALOCK, Chairman.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on

Appropriations on the bill of the House to appropriate \$35,000.00 to pay for printing and publishing the Code of 1895, and to pay for superintending the printing of said Code.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time, and on its passage the ayes and nays were recorded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Geiger,	Starr,
Battle,	Goldin,	Stevens,
Brooke,	Golightly,	Stewart, 27th,
Carter,	Gray,	Stewart, 34th,
Castleberry,	Hopkins,	Thomson,
Comas,	Hudson,	Turner,
Culver,	Kilpatrick,	Van Buren,
Dunwody,	Mann,	Walker, 40th,
Everett,	McFarland,	Westmoreland,
Flewellen,	Redwine,	Witcher,
Flynt,	Shropshire,	Wooten.

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Ham,	Walker, 18th,
Blalock,	Kemp,	Wilcox,
Brinson,	Sheffield,	Mr. President.
Cook,	Strother,	

Ayes 33. Nays 0. Not voting 11.

So the bill was passed.

The Senate concurred in the House amendments to the bill of the Senate, to amend the last paragraph of section 918 of the Code of 1882.

The Senate insisted on its amendments to House bill, to authorize solvent guarantee companies, etc., to be-

come surety on attachment bonds and the bonds of city, county and State officers.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof :

Mr. President:

The House has concurred in the Senate amendment to the following House bill, to wit :

A bill to repeal an act incorporating the city of Tallapoosa, in Haralson county.

The House has appointed the following Conference Committee on the part of the House, upon House bill as follows, to wit :

A bill to authorize the Solvent Guarantee Companies, Fidelity Insurance Companies and Fidelity Deposit Companies, to become surety upon attachment bonds, and upon the bonds of city, county and State officers, and has appointed on the part of the House, Messrs. Felder, Edwards and West.

The Conference Committee on the part of the Senate are Messrs. Battle and Golightly.

Mr. Hopkins, Chairman of the Committee on Relief of the Supreme Court, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

The Committee on Relief of the Supreme Court have had under consideration House Bill No. 336, being an act to regulate the practice in the Supreme Court in certain particulars, and instruct me to report the same

to the Senate, with the recommendation that the same do pass.

Respectfully submitted.

II. W HOPKINS, Chairman.

Mr. Battle, from the Conference Committee, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

Mr. President:

The Conference Committee appointed on the part of the Senate to concur with a like committee appointed by the House, submitted the following report :

The Conference Committee appointed to confer upon the differences existing between the House and Senate upon House Bill No. 4, being a bill to be entitled an act to authorize Solvent Guarantee Companies, etc., to become security upon attachment bonds, etc., beg leave to report as follows :

The committee recommends that the Senate recede from part of the first amendment adopted by the Senate as follows : By striking all of said first amendment after the word branch, in the 7th line of said amendment.

The House recede from its refusal to concur in the third amendment of the Senate.

Respectfully submitted.

C. E. BATTLE, Chairman,
J. F GOLIGHTLY,
H. F DUNWODY

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Finance on the bill of the House, to be entitled an act to levy and collect a tax for the support of the State government and the public institutions ; for educational purposes in instructing children in the elementary branches of an English education only ; to pay the interest on the public debt, and to pay maimed Confederate soldiers and widows of Confederates such amounts as are allowed them by law for each of the fiscal years eighteen hundred and ninety-seven and eighteen hundred and ninety-eight ; and to prescribe what persons, professions, and property are liable to taxation ; to prescribe the methods of receiving and collecting said taxes ; to prescribe the method of ascertaining the property of this State subject to taxation ; prescribe additional questions to be propounded to tax-payers, and to provide penalties and forfeitures for non-payment of taxes, and for other purposes.

It was ordered that all paragraphs to which no amendment is offered shall, when read, be considered adopted.

Pending consideration of the Tax bill, the Senate adjourned, on motion, until 3 o'clock p. m.

3 O'clock p. m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

The roll-call was, on motion, dispensed with.

The consideration of the tax bill was resumed.

Mr. Brooke offered the following amendment :

Amend section two, line 18, by inserting after the word "artist" in said line, the following: "ten dollars, and tax shall be required of them in only one county, provided this act shall not authorize any traveling photographer to do business in any incorporated town or city where there is located a permanent photographer."

This amendment was adopted.

Mr. Walker, of the Eighteenth District, offered to amend by adding at the end of the last line, after the word "soldier," the following :

"And this tax shall be required if selling by orders or otherwise."

This amendment was adopted.

The amendments of the committee were adopted with the exception of the following, to wit: The 2d, 4th, 7th and 9th as originally numbered.

The report, as amended was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed as amended ; ayes 28, nays 0.

On motion of Mr. Blalock, the bill was ordered to be immediately transmitted to the House.

The following communication was received from his Excellency, the Governor, through Mr. Warren, his secretary, to wit :

Mr. President:

I am directed by the Governor to deliver to the Senate

a sealed communication, to which he respectfully invites the consideration of your honorable body in executive session.

The Senate went into executive session and returned to open session.

Mr. Battle, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following House bill, which they direct me to report back with the recommendation that the same do pass as amended, to wit :

A bill to be entitled an act making it unlawful for Fire Insurance Companies, not incorporated by the laws of the State of Georgia, but legally licensed to transact the business of fire insurance therein, to do business except through their legal agents, etc.

The committee have also had under consideration the following bills, which they direct me to report back with the recommendation that the same be laid upon the table as unfinished business, to wit :

A bill to regulate the business of Fraternal Beneficiary Orders, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to allow land condemned for public road purposes, to provide payment therefor, to provide boards of arbitration, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to amend paragraph second of section two of article seven of the constitution, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

C. E. BATTLE, Chairman.

Mr. Culver, Chairman pro tem. of the Committee on Penitentiary, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

The Committee on Penitentiary direct me to report the following House bills, with recommendation that they do pass :

A bill to authorize the establishment of chain-gangs farms or other enterprises in this State.

Also, a bill to create the office of Commissioner of Pardons, and for other purposes, which they direct me to report do not pass.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN L. CULVER, Chairman.

The following memorial report was submitted by the committee of the Senate on the death of Hon. R. U. Hardeman, which was adopted by a rising and unanimous vote :

Mr. President:

The joint committee of the Senate and House of Representatives, designated to prepare a suitable expression

of the sorrow occasioned the General Assembly by the recent death of an honored member of the House, the Hon. Robert U. Hardeman, beg leave to present the following memorial, and recommend the adoption thereof by a standing vote:

MEMORIAL

ROBERT ULLA HARDEMAN,

REPRESENTATIVE OF NEWTON COUNTY IN THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA.

Died December 3, 1896.

Death has removed from membership in this body a noble man, a courtly gentleman, a distinguished citizen, a wise counsellor, and one who was an affectionate and cherished friend to each of his fellow members.

A native of this State, he lived a long life of continuous citizenship within its borders, exemplifying in his private life the sturdiest virtues of its people, and in his public services the most eminent qualities of its statesmen.

He served the commonwealth gallantly in war; in peace he was foremost among those who guided its policies in lines conformable to its high device—Wisdom, Justice and Moderation.

Keeper of the public funds through many consecutive terms of service, he guarded the honor of the State no less scrupulously than its treasure, and laid his office down but shortly before the conclusion of his days, conscious and deserving of the high admiration of his fellow citizens, alike for the spotless integrity with which he kept his trust, and for the fidelity with which he maintained the unblemished credit of the State.

He was a godly man, a Christian gentleman in faith and act, and, none may doubt, has gone to the rich reward of the steadfast, the virtuous and the just.

Of the many public services of his long and illustrious life, of the many noble traits of his lofty character, of the great sorrow which has come to a multitude of loving hearts by reason of his passing from the stage of earthly labor, it is not possible to speak in detail in this memorial.

As simple tribute to his virtues and his distinguished public services, and in loving testimony of the great grief his death has brought his fellow citizens, the General Assembly orders :

1st. That this memorial be entered upon a page of the Journal of each the Senate and the House of Representatives exclusively dedicated thereto.

2d. That the Clerk of the House be instructed to transmit an engrossed copy of this memorial to the family of the honored dead, as a feeble expression of the

respectful sympathy entertained by the General Assembly for them in their great bereavement.

Respectfully submitted.

W W TURNER, Chairman,

J. A. STEWART,

J. R. VAN BUREN,

O. N STARR,

Committee on part of Senate.

JOHN D. LITTLE, Chairman,

S. A. REID,

J. S. BOYNTON,

P. W MELDRIM,

W A. CHARTERS,

Committee on part of House.

Adopted unanimously by a rising vote, December 19, 1896.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Railroads on the bill of the House to authorize the sale of the Northeastern Railroad, and to confer certain powers and duties on the Governor relative thereto, and for other purposes.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time, and, on the question of its passage, the ayes and nays were recorded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Flewellen,	Stevens,
Battle,	Flynt,	Stewart, 27th,
Blalock,	Geiger,	Stewart, 34th.
Brinson,	Golightly,	Thomson,
Carter,	Gray,	Turner,
Castleberry,	Ham,	Van Buren,
Comas,	Hudson,	Walker, 18th,
Cook,	Kemp,	Walker, 40th,
Culver,	Kilpatrick,	Westmoreland,
Dunwody,	Mann,	Wilcox,
Everett,	Shropshire,	Witcher.

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Redwine,	Strother,
Brooke,	Sheffield,	Wooten.
Hopkins,	Starr,	Mr. President.
McFarland,		

Mr. Goldin voted in the negative.

Ayes 33. Nays 1. Not voting 10.

So the bill was passed by a constitutional majority.

Mr. Brinson, Chairman of the Enrolling Committee, submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

The Committee on Enrollment have examined, and direct me to report as duly enrolled and ready for the signature of the President and Secretary of the Senate, the following Senate bill, to wit:

An act to amend the charter of the Atlanta and West Point Railroad Company.

Respectfully submitted.

E. L. BRINSON, Chairman.

Mr. Brinson, Chairman of the Enrolling Committee, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Enrollment have examined, and direct me to report as duly enrolled and ready for the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate, the following bills and resolutions, to wit:

An act to amend the charter of Battle Hill.

Also, an act to amend an act for the protection of game.

Also, an act to authorize the City Council of Augusta to grant the use of the streets of the City of Augusta to any railroad company or corporation by steam locomotive or other power, longitudinally or otherwise.

Also, an act to repeal an act to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of DeKalb, to define their powers and duties, approved December 8th, 1886.

Also, an act to amend the charter of the Commercial Bank of Albany.

Also, an act to alter and amend the charter of the town of Barnesville, in the county of Pike, and the acts

mentary thereof, so as to better provide for the maintenance of the schools of said town, by striking from the 29th section of said charter, which provides for a system of public schools, the word "fifteen," in the 23d line of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "twenty-five."

Also, an act to amend the charter of the town of Boston, Thomas county.

Also, a joint resolution relative to the appointment of School-book Commission.

Also, a resolution to pay Doorkeeper of the House.

Also, a joint resolution authorizing the Governor to appoint delegates to the Good Roads Congress at Orlando, Fla., February 2, 1897.

Respectfully submitted.

E. L. BRINSON, Chairman.

Mr. Battle introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three, to be known as a steering committee, shall be appointed by the President, whose duty it shall be to examine into the various matters on the Secretary's desk and arrange the order of business and the order of such bills for passage as may be on the Secretary's desk.

The committee, under this resolution, consists of Messrs. Battle, Turner and Stevens.

The Senate adjourned, on motion, until 7:30 p.m.

7:30 O'clock p. m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, the President in the chair.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has adopted the following resolutions, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution that a committee of ten from the House and five from the Senate be appointed to visit the next encampment and report to the next session of the General Assembly.

The House has concurred in the following Senate amendments to the following House bill, to wit:

One, two, three, four, five, six, nine, eleven, twelve, and refuses to concur in the following Senate amendments, to wit: seven, eight, ten to House bill, to wit:

A bill to make appropriations for the ordinary expenses of the State government, and for other purposes.

The House has also adopted the report on the following House bill, to wit:

A bill to authorize solvent guarantee companies, fidelity insurance companies and fidelity deposit companies to become surety upon attachment bonds and upon the bonds of city, county and State officers' bonds.

The House has concurred in the following Senate resolution, to wit:

A resolution to direct the work of indexing the Journals of 1896.

On motion of Mr. Battle, the Senate insists upon its amendments to the general appropriation bill, and asks a committee of conference thereon.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Pensions on the resolution of the House providing for payment of a pension to Sarah J. Snell.

The report was agreed to.

The resolution was read the third time, and on the question of concurring therein, the ayes and nays were recorded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Flewellen,	Stewart, 27th,
Battle,	Goldin,	Stewart, 34th,
Blalock,	Golightly,	Thomson,
Battleberry,	Gray,	Turner,
Thomas,	Hopkins,	Van Buren,
Book,	Hudson,	Walker, 18th,
Bulver,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 40th,
Bunwody,	Stevens,	Witcher.
Bverett,		

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Kemp,	Starr,
Brinson,	Mann,	Strother,
Brooke,	McFarland,	Westmoreland,
Barter,	Redwine,	Wilcox,
Blynt,	Sheffield,	Wooten,
Beiger,	Shropshire,	Mr. President.
Bam,		

Ayes 25. Nays 0. Not voting 19.

So the resolution was concurred in.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Appropriations on the joint resolution of the House to provide for supplying a deficiency in the contingent fund, and for other purposes.

The report was agreed to.

The resolution was read the third time and the ayes and nays recorded.

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Flewellen,	Stewart, 27th,
Battle,	Goldin,	Stewart, 34th,
Blalock,	Golightly,	Thomson,
Castleberry,	Gray,	Turner,
Comas,	Hopkins,	Van Buren,
Cook,	Hudson,	Walker, 18th,
Culver,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 40th,
Dunwody,	Starr,	Witcher.
Everett,	Stevens,	

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Ham,	Shropshire,
Brinson,	Kemp,	Strother,
Brooke,	Mann,	Westmoreland,
Carter,	McFarland,	Wilcox,
Flynt,	Redwine,	Wooten,
Geiger,	Sheffield,	Mr. President.

Ayes 26. Nays 0. Not voting 18.

So the resolution was concurred in.

Mr. Shropshire introduced a resolution to regulate the indexing of the Journals, which was read and agreed to and ordered to be transmitted to the House.

The Senate took up a resolution from the House providing for a recess of the General Assembly, which was read and concurred in.

The Senate took up the report of the Finance Committee on the bill of the House to pay for and retire bonds of the State on their maturity in accordance with article seven, section fourteen, paragraph one of the constitution of 1877 by levy and collection of a tax, and for other purposes.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time, and on its passage the ayes and nays were recorded.

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Flynt,	Stewart, 27th,
Battle,	Goldin,	Stewart, 34th,
Blalock,	Golightly,	Thomson,
Brinson,	Gray,	Turner,
Castleberry,	Hopkins,	Van Buren,
Comas,	Hudson,	Walker, 18th,
Culver,	Kilpatrick,	Westmoreland,
Dunwoody,	Mann,	Wilcox,
Everett,	Starr,	Witcher.
Fewellen,		

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Kemp,	Stevens,
Brooke,	McFarland,	Strother,
Carter,	Redwine,	Walker, 40th,
Cook,	Sheffield,	Wooten,
Feiger,	Shropshire,	Mr. President.
Fiam,		

Ayes 28. Nays 0. Not voting 16.

So the bill was passed.

The following communication was received from his Excellency, the Governor, through Mr Warren, his Secretary, to wit :

Mr. President:

I am directed by the Governor to deliver to the Senate a sealed communication, to which he respectfully invites the consideration of your honorable body in executive session.'

The Senate went into executive session and returned to open session.

The President announced as the committee to visit the State Industrial College for Colored People as Messrs. Redwine and Mann.

The committee announced to attend the Georgia Normal and Industrial College in 1897, are Messrs. Culver, Van Buren, Brinson, Walker of the Eighteenth District, McFarland, Turner and Hopkins.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has adopted the following House resolution in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to-wit:

A resolution authorizing the Governor to borrow money to supply the casual deficiency.

The House has also appointed the following committee to act with a similar committee of the Senate on the appropriation bill and amendments thereto, to wit:

A bill to appropriate money to run the State government for the years 1897 and 1898, and for other purposes.

The committee on the part of the House are Messrs. Little, Hill and Wight.

Mr. Battle moved the appointment of a Conference Committee on the general appropriation bill, to meet with the House committee thereon.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Appropriations on the bill of the House "to appropriate \$2,750 for the purpose of reimbursing the commission to codify the laws of Georgia, appointed under the act of the General Assembly approved December 19, 1893, for certain expenditures incurred by them in the matter of performing their duties as such codifiers."

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time, and, on its passage, the ayes and nays were recorded.

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Goldin,	Stewart, 27th,
Battle,	Golightly,	Stewart, 34th,
Blalock,	Gray,	Thomson,
Bastleberry,	Hudson,	Turner,
Comas,	Kilpatrick,	Van Buren,
Culver,	Mann,	Walker, 18th,
Cunwody,	Shropshire,	Walker, 40th,
Everett,	Starr,	Witcher,
Flewellen,		

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Geiger,	Stevens,
Brinson,	Ham,	Strother,
Brooke,	Kemp,	Westmoreland,
Carter,	McFarland,	Wilcox,
Cook,	Redwine,	Wooten.
Flynt,	Sheffield,	Mr. President.

Mr. Hopkins voted in the negative.

Ayes 25. Nays 1. Not voting 18.

So the bill was passed.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Appropriations on the resolution of the House "to appropriate money to M. J. Walker for reporting for convict investigation."

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time, and on concurring therein, the ayes and nays were recorded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Golightly,	Stewart, 27th,
Battle,	Gray,	Stewart, 34th,
Blalock,	Hopkins,	Thomson,
Castleberry,	Hudson,	Turner,
Culver,	Kilpatrick,	Van Buren,
Dunwody,	Mann,	Walker, 18th,
Flewellen,	Shropshire,	Walker, 40th,
Flynt,	Starr,	Westmoreland,
Goldin,	Stevens,	Witcher.

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Atkinson,	Everett,	Sheffield,
Brinson,	Geiger,	Strother,
Brooke,	Ham,	Wilcox,
Carter,	Kemp,	Wooten,
Comas,	McFarland,	Mr. President.
Cook,	Redwine,	

Ayes 27 Nays 0. Not voting 17

So the resolution was concurred in.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Appropriations on the resolution of the House "making additional appropriation for contingent fund and for repairs to the public buildings for the year 1896."

The report was agreed to.

The resolution was read the third time, and the ayes and nays were recorded on the question of concurring therein.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Battle,	Goldin,	Stewart, 34th,
Blalock,	Golightly,	Strother,
Brinson,	Gray,	Thomson,
Castleberry,	Hopkins,	Turner,
Comas,	Hudson,	Van Buren,
Culver,	Kilpatrick,	Walker, 18th,
Dunwody,	Mann,	Walker, 40th,
Everett,	Shropshire,	Westmoreland,
Flewellen,	Starr,	Witcher.
Flynt,	Stewart, 27th,	

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Allen,	Geiger,	Sheffield,
Atkinson,	Ham,	Stevens,
Brooke,	Kemp,	Wilcox,
Carter,	McFarland,	Wooten,
Cook,	Redwine,	Mr. President.

Ayes 29. Nays 0. Not voting 15.

So the resolution was concurred in.

The resolution of the House authorizing the Governor to borrow money to supply the casual deficiencies was read and concurred in.

The Senate took up the report of the Special Judiciary Committee on the bill of the House, to provide for the issuing of bonds by the city of Norcross, etc.

The committee reported in favor of its passage, with amendments.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed as amended; ayes 24, nays 0.

Proof of legal notice submitted.

A resolution of the House to appoint a committee to visit the military encampment was read and concurred in.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Manufactures on the bill of the House, to prevent the adulteration of candy.

The committee reported in favor of its passage as amended.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed as amended; ayes 23, nays 0.

The Senate took up the report of the General Judiciary Committee on the bill of the House, to provide for enforcing the rights of a trustee in and to real property made to secure a note or notes or other debt owing to one or more persons, etc.

The committee reported in favor of its passage, with amendments, which were adopted, and the report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time, and passed as amended; ayes 23, nays 0.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has concurred in the Senate amendments Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 and 8, and refused to concur in amendments 3 and 6, to the following House bill, to wit;

A bill to levy and collect a tax for the support of State government and the public institutions.

On motion of Mr. Kilpatrick, the Senate recessed from its amendments Nos. 3 and 6 to the general tax act.

• Mr. Strother was granted leave of absence for the balance of the session on account of sickness.

The Senate took up the report of the Committee on Public Roads on the bill of the House to amend an act entitled an act to give the Commissioners of Roads and Revenues and others the authority to lay out, open, change, etc., public roads, and for other purposes.

The committee reported in favor of its passage, with an amendment, which was adopted, and the report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed as amended; ayes 23, nays 0.

The bill of the House, to amend an act to revive the office of State Geologist, was laid on the table.

The Senate took up the report of the General Judiciary Committee on the bill of the House, to provide for the payment of the fees of the Clerk of the Superior Court and others in certain cases.

The committee reported in favor of its passage with amendments, which were adopted, and the report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed, as amended ; ayes 23, nays 0.

Mr. Battle submitted the following report :

Mr. President:

The joint special committee from the Senate and House to consider the report of the Special Attorney for the Western & Atlantic Railroad and recommend appropriate legislation, beg to report as follows :

The committee, consisting of Senators Battle of the Twenty-fourth District and Gray of the Twenty-third District, on the part of the Senate, and Representatives Meldrim of Chatham, Slaton of Fulton and Patten of Thomas, on the part of the House, has held several sessions, and has given a thorough and exhaustive examination into the affairs of the office of the Special Attorney for the Western & Atlantic Railroad.

The Special Attorney has, upon the most advantageous terms to the State, made a great many settlements of encroachments and trespasses upon the State's property, and by the careful and efficient discharge of the duties of his office, much valuable property has been saved to the State. The litigation has been satisfactorily and successfully conducted wherever litigation was necessary to properly protect the State's interest.

It would be a tedious task for your committee to give a detailed account of these settlements of the liti-

gated cases that have been disposed of. We therefore desire to call special attention to the exhaustive report made by this official. We feel sure that the work done by the Special Attorney is not only of great present value to the State, but that its value so far as the future of the Western & Atlantic Railroad is concerned is much greater than we could possibly estimate in dollars at this time. There are several important matters that are yet undisposed of. Two or three of these involve considerable litigation, but the Special Attorney feels sure that all of them may be disposed of within the next two years. We, therefore, recommend a continuance of the regular appropriation for his salary, which recommendation was adopted by the General Assembly in the passage of the general appropriation bill.

Your committee has recommended the following resolutions, which have been adopted by the present General Assembly :

1. Resolution directing proceedings to be instituted against the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway for the recovery of part of the original depot grounds at Chattanooga.

2. Resolution to concur in additional terms proposed by the city of Atlanta affecting Wall street and the triangle.

3. Resolutions authorizing the Atlanta, Knoxville & Northern Railway Company to avail itself of the privilege granted the Marietta & North Georgia Railroad Company in the use of the right of way of the Western & Atlantic Railroad at Marietta.

4. Resolution concerning official maps, character and value of the work.

5. Resolution requesting the General Assembly of Tennessee to authorize filing of maps in Hamilton county, Tennessee, and give to same when so filed the force and effect of a record to deeds to lands.

Respectfully submitted.

C. E. BATTLE, Chairman,

C. G. GRAY,

Senate Committee.

P W MELDRIM, Chairman,

JOHN SLATON,

ARTHUR PATTON,

House Committee.

The Conference Committee on the part of the Senate on the General Appropriation bill consists of Messrs. Stevens, Battle and Stewart of the Twenty-seventh District.

Mr. Stevens, Chairman of Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following report :

Mr. President :

Your committee have had under consideration the following bill, which they instruct me to report back, with recommendation that same do pass as amended, to wit :

A bill to amend an act to revive the office of State Geologist.

Respectfully submitted.

O. B. STEVENS, Chairman.

Mr. Battle, Chairman of the Committee on General Judiciary, submitted the following report :

Mr. President :

The General Judiciary Committee direct me to report the following bill, with recommendation that it be laid on the table until session of 1897, as unfinished business, to wit :

A bill to amend and alter the acts of 1889 (page 58, section 2), trustees and officers State Lunatic Asylum.

Respectfully submitted.

C. E. BATTLE, Chairman.

Mr. Battle made the following report :

The Conference Committee, appointed on the part of the Senate to meet with a like committee on the part of the House, to consider the differences existing between the Senate and the House on the General Appropriation bill, submitted the following report :

Mr. President :

The Conference Committee of the Senate, appointed to confer with a like committee on the part of the House, to consider the differences existing between the

Senate and the House on the general appropriation bill, beg leave to submit the following report, to wit :

The committee recommends that the Senate recede from its amendment to the general appropriation bill increasing the appropriation to the Lunatic Asylum from \$270,000 to \$280,000 for 1897, and from \$280,000 to \$290,000 for 1898.

The committee further recommends that the House do recede from its refusal to concur in the following Senate amendments, to wit :

Appropriating \$6,391.06 for furnishing the dormitories of the Georgia Normal and Industrial College.

Also, appropriating \$4,000 for Tennessee Centennial Exposition.

We ask the concurrence of the Senate in this report.

Respectfully submitted.

O. B. STEVENS, Chairman,
J. A. STEWART,
C. E. BATTLE,
Senate Committee.

J. D. LITTLE, Chairman,
B. H. HILL,
E. L. WIGHT,
House Committee.

On motion of Mr. Battle, the Senate refused to adopt the report of the Conference Committee.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

I am instructed to inform the Senate that the House

refuses to adopt the report of the conference committee upon three items of the general appropriation, and ask that a new conference committee be appointed to the following House bill to wit :

A bill to appropriate money to run the State government, and for other purposes.

The committee on the part of the House are Messrs. Blalock, Hart and Bartlett.

The Senate took up the report of the General Judiciary Committee on the bill of the House to make it unlawful for fire insurance companies not incorporated by law to do certain things, and for other purposes.

The committee reported in favor of its passage with amendments which were adopted, and the report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time and passed as amended ; ayes 24, nays 0.

The resolution of the House relative to pensions of the veterans of the war with Mexico by the general government, was read and concurred in.

The committee appointed to visit the military encampment of the Georgia volunteers, are Messrs. Dunwody, Battle, Stewart of the Twenty-seventh District, Hopkins and Kilpatrick.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof :

Mr. President :

The House has adopted the following resolution in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit :

A resolution reconsidering a previous resolution fixing the time of adjournment, and for other purposes.

The second committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the general appropriation bill, consists of Messrs. Stevens, Duuwody and Van Buren.

The resolution of the House amending the resolution on adjournment which provides for a recess instead of an adjournment, was taken up and concurred in.

The following bills of the House were, on motion, laid on the table, to wit:

A bill to create the office of Commissioner of Pardons, etc.

Also, a bill to authorize the establishment of chain-gang farms, etc.

The bill of the House to create a Board of Pension Commissioners for each county, etc., was read the second time and recommitted to the Committee on Pensions.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has concurred in the Senate amendments to the following House bills, to wit:

A bill to provide for the issuing of bonds for school purposes for the town of Norcross.

Also, a bill to provide for the rights of a trustee in a deed to real property made to secure a note or notes owing to one or more persons.

Also, a bill to provide for the payment of the fees of the clerk of the Superior Court, sheriff, solicitor of the county court, and other officers.

Also, a bill to prevent the adulteration of candy.

Also, a bill to amend an act to give the commissioners of roads and revenues the authority to lay out, open, change or discontinue public roads and levy a tax for the same.

Also, a bill providing a penalty for fire insurance companies doing business without license.

The House has also adopted the following resolutions, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit :

A resolution requesting the Senators and Representatives in Congress to use all honorable means to secure the passage of the bill to more fully regulate contempt proceedings in Federal Courts.

Also, a resolution providing for arbitration between corporations and employees.

The bill of the House to authorize the recording of bonds for titles to real estate was, on motion, laid on the table.

Mr. Dunwody submitted the following report :

The Conference Committee appointed upon the part of the Senate to confer with a like committee upon the part of the House, beg leave to report:

Mr. President:

Your committee having met the House committee in conference to consider the amendments of the Senate to House Bill No. 118, beg leave to say, that after due consideration of the matters referred to them, report back that they are unable to agree upon any of the amendments.

O. B. STEVENS, Chairman,
HARRY F DUNWODY,
JAMES R. VAN BUREN.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has adopted the report of the Conference Committee on the following bill of the House, to wit:

A bill to provide for appropriations for the general State government, and for other purposes.

The following bills and resolutions of the House were taken up under the favorable reports of committees. The reports were agreed to. The bills were read the third time and passed as indicated, to wit:

A bill to establish, maintain and regulate a dispensary in the town of Fort Gaines, in Clay county.

Ayes 28, nays 0.

A resolution providing for a recess of the General Assembly.

A resolution providing for the publishing of the acts and resolutions of this session.

Ayes 25, nays 0.

A resolution authorizing and directing the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of Senate to furnish each and every member of the General Assembly with a list of unfinished business.

Ayes 23, nays 0.

A resolution for the relief of Darien and Western Railway Company.

Ayes 23, nays 0.

A bill to regulate the practice of the Supreme Court in certain particulars.

Ayes 24, nays 0.

A resolution providing for suspension of collecting taxes for county of Charlton, for year 1896, until February 1, 1897

Ayes 27, nays 0.

A bill to make clear and define the meaning of an act to allow pensions to certain Confederate widows, and for other purposes.

Ayes 29, nays 0.

A bill to amend, change and repeal the charter of the town of Arabi.

Ayes 25, nays 0.

A bill to provide compensation for the Ordinary of Twiggs county for extra services.

Ayes 23, nays 0.

A bill to amend the public school system of Madison, Ga.

Ayes 25, nays 0.

A bill to create a Board of County Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for county of Charlton.

Ayes 23, nays 0.

A bill to amend an act incorporating the Atlanta Loan and Trust Company.

Ayes 26, nays 0.

A bill authorizing the Commissioners of Chatham county to fill vacancies in their board.

Ayes 25, nays 0.

A bill to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of Pulaski.

{ Ayes 29, nays 0.

A bill to amend an act to establish a Board of County Commissioners for Bibb county

Ayes 26, nays 0.

A bill to amend the charter of Valdosta.

Ayes 25, nays 0.

A bill to amend the charter of the town of Colquitt.

Ayes 26, nays 0.

A bill to establish a system of public schools in the town of Raccoon, in Chattooga county.

Ayes 25, nays 0.

A bill to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of Lee.

Ayes 23, nays 0.

A bill to amend an act incorporating the town of Jefferson, in the county of Jackson.

Ayes 23, nays 0.

A bill to amend an act incorporating the town of Barnesville, in the county of Hart.

Ayes 24, nays 0.

A bill to incorporate town of Rochelle in city of Rochelle.

Ayes 25, nays 0.

A bill to amend an act to create a Park and Tree Commission for the city of Savannah.

Ayes 23, nays 0.

A bill to prescribe the terms of admission into the Georgia School for the Deaf.

Ayes 23, nays 0.

A bill to provide for the payment of costs of court in trial of misdemeanor cases in this State.

Ayes 23, nays 0.

A bill to reincorporate the town of Livonia, etc.

Ayes 23, nays 0.

A bill to fix and define the liabilities of receivers, trustees, assigns and others operating railroads in this State.

Ayes 23, nays 0.

A bill to confirm a grant to the Trustees of Wesley Monumental Church.

Ayes 24, nays 0.

A bill to authorize J. C. K. Cotter to peddle without license.

Ayes 23, nays 0.

A bill to regulate the taking of fish in streams of Whitfield county.

Ayes 23, nays 0.

A bill to regulate the returns for consigned goods and farm products.

Ayes 23, nays 0.

A bill to protect fish, oysters, etc., in Christmas creek.

Ayes 24, nays 0.

The report of the committee on the following bill was taken up and agreed to. The bill was read a third time and passed.

A bill to protect fish, oysters, clams, etc, in Christmas creek and its tributaries, and for other purposes.

Ayes 24, nays 0.

Mr. Dunwody presented the following report :

Mr. President:

Your committee on conference having met the House committee, beg leave to report :

That the Senate recede from its amendment in appropriating the sum of \$6,391.06 for the support of the Normal and Industrial School at Milledgeville, and the sum of \$4,000 for agricultural department for an exhibit at Nashville, and that the amendment for the support and maintenance of the Lunatic Asylum be agreed to.

Respectfully submitted.

O. B. STEVENS, Chairman,
HARRY F DUNWODY,
JAMES R. VAN BUREN.

Mr. Carter rose to a question of personal privilege, and proposed to amend his response to the resolutions of the Senate.

The point of order was raised that the response had been transmitted to the House of Representatives, and

was not therefore within the power or control of the Senate.

The President sustained the point of order.

Mr. Carter was allowed to submit a supplemental report.

This he did, and the report was read, but no action was taken upon it.

Mr. Cook, Chairman of the Committee on the Penitentiary, submitted the following report :

Mr. President :

Your committee to whom were assigned the work of visiting, inspecting and reporting upon the condition of the various convict camps in Georgia, beg to say that they have performed that duty as fully and thoroughly as time and circumstances would admit.

These investigations were made by sub-committees of this committee, as in no other way could the work be done in the limited time.

Your committee inspected the convict camps located at Reynolds, Maxwells, and McMillens, in Charlton county, and found 259 convicts, of whom 252 are colored and 7 white, distributed at said camps as follows :

At Maxwells—111 colored, 1 white.

At McMillens—82 colored, 6 white.

At Reynolds—59 colored.

We find these prisoners well fed, well clothed and reasonably worked, and as cheerful and contented as persons in such condition could be expected to be. We found six of the prisoners in hospitals, two of whom had been injured by the recent storm, one slightly wounded by an axe, two suffering from bilious attacks, and one from general debility from long confinement in jail. The hospitals are under the efficient care of Dr. W. B. Hanley, and seems to be all that could be desired in that line. The sanitary conditions of the camps seem good, and the general condition and treatment of the prisoners are such that your committee have no suggestions to make looking to their improvement.

We also visited the camp at Smithsonia in Oglethorpe county. We find the location of the camp and sanitary regulations such as will tend to promote the good health of the inmates, which is indicated by their general healthy appearance. We find only one inmate in the hospital who is suffering from consumption. The hospital is ample, and in good condition, as are also the sleeping quarters, the culinary and subsistence departments. The rations are sufficient, and the inmates are well clad. The discipline seems to be good, and general demeanor cheerful. For statistical information we refer to the office of Principal Keeper of the Penitentiary. What has been said with reference to the camp at Smithsonia applies with equal force to the camp at Heardmont in Elbert county. The inmates of this camp are composed exclusively of women, and none are on the sick list.

At the camp at Glenwood we find 39 convicts; at the camp at Echo 123; at Adrian 117, and at Pine Luckey 32, all doing as well as we think the managers can under the circumstances provide.

We also visited the camps at Richwood, Kramer, Pitts, and two camps at Worth, and made reasonably thorough examination of same, and are pleased to report that we found no abuses or objectionable features at either place. The stockades are all comparatively new and comfortable, and the sanitary conditions are good. The convicts appear to be well fed and clothed, and from all appearances we believe them to be humanely treated.

We found very few convicts on the sick list, and heard no complaint from any of them. They all seem to be contented with the treatment they receive. We commend the management of each camp, and have no criticisms to offer.

We also visited the convict camps known as Cole City, in Dade county, and the Durham Mines camp, in Walker county, and submit the following :

From a thorough inspection of the sleeping quarters of the convicts at both of the above camps, we found them to be satisfactory. The same sanitary arrangement prevails in both camps, which we believe is good and sufficient. We could detect no bad or foul odors, and we saw no evidence at either camp of filth. We found the bedding at both camps to be as clean as could be expected from the character of work the convicts are required to perform. We cut open many mattresses at both camps, and found them to be filled with bright, clear straw.

At Cole City we find that each prisoner is provided with a bunk. At Durham mines we find that two convicts occupy one bunk, and we suggest that this be

medied, so that each convict shall have a separate bunk. Large stoves keep the sleeping department warmed up, and each bunk is supplied with blankets sufficient for the coldest weather.

From our inspection we believe that the convicts at both camps are provided with clothing and shoes as the warden directs, and from conversation with and the strong healthy appearance of the convicts, we are forced to believe that they are sufficiently supplied with wholesome food. We found the cooking department at both camps in clean condition and their food as well prepared as any reasonable man could expect.

Your committee had the pleasure of partaking of an elegant dinner prepared and served by convicts.

We inspected the mines, walking several miles through the tunnels along which the convicts were at work. The greater portion of them appeared cheerful and contented. We find that each convict is given a daily task, which many of them finish by one and two o'clock, after which they are required to do no more work that day. We do not believe that any great wrongs or abuses exist at either of these camps, and without going into the merits or demerits of the present convict system, realizing the fact that these convicts are confined for the protection of society, made necessary by their own misdeeds, we are forced to the conclusion that the care and treatment and condition of these unfortunate creatures are as good and humane as any good citizen could reasonably expect, and is such as the law contemplates.

Respectfully submitted.

PHIL COOK, Chairman.

Mr. Brinson, Chairman of the Enrolling Committee, submitted the following report :

Mr. President :

The Enrolling Committee have examined, and direct me to report as duly enrolled and ready for the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate and Speaker and Clerk of the House of Representatives, the following Senate bills, to wit :

A joint resolution extending to the Hon. Wm. J. Bryan a cordial invitation to visit our State.

Also, a joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of Senate to buy one hundred chairs for use of committee rooms.

Respectfully submitted.

E. L. BRINSON, Chairman.

Mr. Brinson, Chairman of the Enrolling Committee, submitted the following report :

Mr. President :

The Enrolling Committee have examined, and direct me to report as duly enrolled and ready for the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate and Speaker and Clerk of the House of Representatives, the following Senate bills, to wit :

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the uniform amendment of bank charters.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the prac-

rice of law, medicine, dentistry, etc., in this State without having paid the special tax.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Railroad Commission of Georgia to compel the shipper, or consignee, or officer, agent or employee of a common carrier to give evidence, on certain conditions.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the town of Calhoun, in Gordon county, to establish and maintain a system of public schools.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to alter and amend an act entitled an act to provide for the establishment and government of a State naval militia, and for other purposes connected therewith, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to require all claimants of land sold under transferred wild land tax fi. fas., or under insufficient advertisement of transferred or untransferred wild land tax fi. fas. prior to the first day of January, eighteen hundred and eighty, to bring suit for such land within thirty-six months, and to provide for the manner of bringing such suits, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act to fix the compensation of the County Treasurer of Meriwether county, approved February 19, 1876, and to provide for the compensation of the County Treasurer of Meriwether county, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the mayor and council of the town of Millen to issue bonds to the amount of eight thousand (\$8,000) dollars for

the purpose of constructing academy or academies, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the ordinary of Appling county to organize chain-gangs of the misdemeanor convicts and work them on the roads in said county, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of Baxley and provide a free school system therefor.

Also, a bill to require the tax-collectors of this State to make monthly reports under oath of all taxes collected, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to amend the law as contained in the last paragraph of section 918 of the Code of 1882, so as to reduce the bond required of tax-receivers.

Also, a bill to direct the indexing of the Journals of the House and Senate for the year 1896.

Respectfully submitted.

EDW L. BRINSON, Chairman.

Mr. Brinson, Chairman of the Committee on Enrollment, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Enrollment have examined, and direct me to report as duly enrolled and ready for the signature of the President and Secretary of the Senate and Speaker and Clerk of the House of Representatives, the following resolutions, to wit:

A resolution providing for the appointment of two men for the floor by the Doorkeeper of the Senate.

Also, a resolution requesting the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee to enact appropriate legislation authorizing the filing of certain official maps of the Western and Atlantic Railroad in Hamilton county, Tennessee, and giving to the same, when so filed, the force and effect of a record of deeds to lands, and for other purposes.

Also, a resolution directing proceedings to be instituted for the recovery of part of the original depot grounds belonging to the State at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Also, a resolution concurring in and adopting certain additional terms proposed by the city of Atlanta affecting Wall street and certain property designated as the "triangle."

Also, a resolution continuing in existence the special commission allowed under a joint resolution, approved December 18, 1894, for the purpose of hearing, considering and finally determining any and all matters of controversy and issues, both of law and fact, relating to the Western and Atlantic Railroad.

Also, a resolution that the Keeper of Public Buildings, or other proper authority, be instructed to arrange for lighting Senate chamber with electricity.

Also, a resolution authorizing the President and Secretary of the Senate and Speaker and Clerk of the House and certain officers of the General Assembly to

remain after the adjournment of the General Assembly for the purpose of bringing up unfinished business.

Also, a resolution that the Atlanta, Knoxville and Northern Railway Company acquire certain rights in the use of the right of way of the Western and Atlantic Railroad in and near the city of Marietta.

Respectfully submitted.

E. L. BRINSON, Chairman.

Mr. Battle offered the following resolution, which was agreed to by a standing vote :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate are due to the Hon. Robert L. Berner, the President of the Senate, for the fair, impartial and able manner in which he has discharged the arduous duties of the honorable and high office he occupies.

Resolved further, That the said R. L. Berner has endeared himself to this body, and we shall always regard him with warm emotions, and shall always look forward with pleasure to his advance in the future.

At the hour of 12 o'clock at night, the Senate was declared by the President adjourned, under joint resolution, until the first Wednesday in February, 1897

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,
Wednesday, February 3, 1897, 10 O'clock a.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Mr. Berner, the President.

Prayer was offered by Senator Turner, of the Thirty-seventh District.

On the call of the roll, the following Senators answered to their names:

Those present were Messrs.—

Allen,	Geiger,	Stevens,
Atkinson,	Goldin,	Stewart of 27th,
Battle,	Golightly,	Stewart of 34th,
Blalock,	Gray,	Strother,
Brinson,	Ham,	Thomson,
Brooke,	Hudson,	Turner,
Carter,	Kemp,	Van Buren,
Castleberry,	Kilpatrick,	Walker of 18th,
Comas,	Mann,	Walker of 40th,
Cook,	McFarland,	Westmoreland,
Culver,	Redwine,	Wilcox,
Everett,	Sheffield,	Witcher,
Flewellen,	Shropshire,	Wooten,
Flynt,	Starr,	Mr. President.

Those absent were Messrs.—

Dunwody, Hopkins.

Mr. Van Buren, Chairman of the Committee on Journals, reported the Journal correct.

It was then read and confirmed.

Mr. Battle moved that Mr. Dunwody be excused from this day's session on account of special business.

This motion prevailed.

The resolution of the House relating to contempt pro-

ceedings in Federal Courts was laid upon the table until the next session.

Mr. Battle offered the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved by the Senate, That this body does not consider and act upon any House or Senate bills or resolutions now pending on the desk of the Secretary of the Senate, during to-day's session.

On the question of agreeing to this resolution, Mr. Battle demanded the ayes and nays.

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Battle,	Shropshire,	Walker of 18th,
Blalock,	Stevens,	Westmoreland,
Brooke,	Thomson,	Wilcox.
Culver,	Van Buren,	

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Brinson,	Ham,	Stewart of 27th,
Carter,	Kemp,	Stewart of 34th,
Flynt,	Mann,	Turner,
Geiger,	McFarland,	Walker of 40th,
Goldin,	Redwine,	Witcher,
Golightly,	Starr,	Wooten.
Gray,		

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Allen,	Dunwody,	Kilpatrick,
Atkinson,	Everett,	Sheffield,
Castleberry,	Flewellen,	Strother,
Comas,	Hopkins,	Mr. President.
Cook,	Hudson,	

Ayes 11. Nays 19. Not voting 14.

So the resolution was not agreed to.

Mr. Brinson offered a resolution “urging our Senators and Representatives in Congress to favor protection to

producers of sea island cotton, rice and yellow pine lumber."

Read and referred to the Committee on State of the Republic.

By general consent, on motion of Mr. Stewart of the Thirty-fourth District, the Senate took up the report of the Committee on Banks on the bill of the House to regulate the benefits of all debenture redemption companies, etc.

The committee reported in favor of its passage, with amendments, which were adopted, and the report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time, and, on motion, was laid on the table.

By general consent, the Senate took up the report of the Committee on Banks on the bill of the House to authorize the Georgia Security and Banking Company to exchange real estate for stock, etc.

The report was agreed to.

The bill was read the third time, and on the question of its passage the ayes and nays were recorded.

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Battle,	Gray,	Stewart of 34th,
Blalock,	Kemp,	Turner,
Brooke,	Mann,	Van Buren,
Carter,	McFarland,	Walker of 18th,
Culver,	Redwine,	Walker of 40th,
Flynt,	Starr,	Westmoreland,
Geiger,	Stevens,	Wilcox,
Goldin,	Stewart of 27th,	Wooten.
Golightly,		

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Allen,	Everett,	Sheffield,
Atkinson,	Flewellen,	Shropshire,
Brinson,	Ham,	Strother,
Castleberry,	Hopkins,	Thomson,
Comas,	Hudson,	Witcher,
Cook,	Kilpatrick,	Mr. President.
Dunwody,		

Ayes 25. Nays 0. Not voting 19.

So the bill was passed by a constitutional majority.

Mr. Hopkins was granted leave of absence for this day's session on account of sickness.

The Senate, on motion, adjourned until 12 o'clock meridian.

12 O'clock m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, the President in the chair, and adjourned, on motion, to 2:30 o'clock p.m.

2:30 O'clock p.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

The roll call was, on motion, dispensed with.

Leave of absence was granted Mr. Stewart, of the Thirty-fourth District, for the remainder of this session.

The Senate, on motion, took a recess for twenty minutes.

At the expiration of the recess the Senate was called to order by the President pro. tem., and took another re-

cess for fifteen minutes, at the end of which period it was again called to order.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has adopted the following resolution, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked:

A resolution to pay the expenses of the Investigation Committee.

The bill of the House to authorize the establishment of chain-gang farms, etc., was taken from the table and again laid upon the table until the next session.

The resolution of the House to pay the expenses of the Investigation Committee.

The same was amended, on motion of Mr. Battle, by appropriating out of the sum of six thousand dollars mentioned in the resolution, to Senator Carter, of the Thirty-first District, one hundred and eighty dollars.

The resolution, as amended, was concurred in.

Mr. Brinson, Chairman of the Committee on Enrollment, submitted the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Enrollment report as duly enrolled and ready for the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate, the following act of the House:

An act to authorize the Georgia Security and Banking Company to exchange real estate for stock, etc.

Respectfully submitted.

E. L. BRINSON, Chairman.

The Senate, on motion, took a recess for fifteen minutes, and at the expiration of this period was again called to order.

The following message received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has adopted the following resolution, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution to pay mileage to the members of the General Assembly for the February session, 1897

The Senate took up the resolution of the House to pay the per diem and mileage of the members and officers of the General Assembly for the session of February, 1897.

Mr. Battle offered to amend the resolution by striking therefrom all reference to members, officers and clerks.

Upon the adoption of his amendment he required the ayes and nays to be recorded.

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Battle,	Flewellen,	Kemp,
Blalock,	Flynt,	Kilpatrick,
Carter,	Goldin,	Redwine,
Culver,	Gray,	Walker of 18th.

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Allen,	Hudson,	Thomson,
Atkinson,	Mann,	Turner,
Brinson,	McFarland,	Van Buren,
Comas,	Shropshire,	Walker of 40th,
Cook,	Starr,	Westmoreland,
Everett,	Stevens,	Wilcox,
Geiger,	Stewart of 27th,	Witcher,
Ham,	Strother,	Wooten.

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Brooke,	Golightly,	Stewart of 34th,
Castleberry,	Hopkins,	Mr. President.
Dunwody,	Sheffield,	

Ayes 12. Nays 24. Not voting 8.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Strother proposed to amend the resolution by adding after the word "mileage," the words "three cents per mile, for the February session."

This amendment was lost.

The resolution was then adopted.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has refused to concur in the Senate amendment to the House resolution, to wit:

A resolution to pay the expenses of the Investigation Committee.

The foregoing message was taken up, and on motion of Mr. Battle, adhered to its amendment to the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Berner rose to a question of privilege, which, having stated, it was ordered to be spread upon the Journal of the Senate.

It is as follows:

Mr. President:

I rise to a question of personal privilege, and I ask for a few moments the attention of the Senate.

During the Autumn session of the General Assembly I was informed that a report was in circulation which charged that I was responsible for the insertion of the name of Judge Reese in the statement of charges presented by Senator Carter in response to the demand of the Senate.

It was charged that I had a conversation with the Senator on the evening he offered his answer, and that in that conversation I either insisted, requested or suggested to him the addition of the name of Judge Reese to his report. My informant was Mr. J. K. Ohl, of the Atlanta Constitution. The information came to me under the following conditions: I was presiding over the Senate on the second morning following the presentation of the report, when Mr. Ohl approached the chair and informed me that such a report was in circulation. I then and there denounced it as a falsehood. It so happened that at that moment Senator Carter was near the desk of the Secretary, and I sent for him. In the presence of Mr. Ohl I asked him if I was directly or indirectly responsible for the presence of the name of Judge Reese in his report. He promptly and emphatically declared that I was not directly or indirectly responsible for it.

I recalled the fact that Senator J. P. Brooke was present at the only conversation I had with Senator Carter in which the matter was referred to, and I sent for that Senator. To him I put the same question that I did to Senator Carter, and he responded with the same emphasis and promptness that I was in no way responsible for it.

Mr. Ohl applied to other sources of information in order to obtain the truth of the matter. Evidence accumulated, and it came unsought. He became satisfied that the report was a falsehood, and immediately following the adjournment of the session he devoted a paragraph to it in the news column of the Atlanta Constitution, in which he stated that investigation showed

that the President of the Senate was in no way connected with the incorporation of the charges against Judge Reese.

Since the revival of this rumor, Mr. Ohl, at my request, furnished me a letter in which he states the facts connected with his investigation, and I now read that letter for the information of the Senate.

Washington, D. C., January 27, 1897.

Hon. Robt. L. Berner, Forsyth, Ga.:

My Dear Sir:—Replying to your request that I state what had occurred during the session of the legislature concerning a certain report about yourself and my investigation of the same, I have to say: The day Senator Carter submitted to the Senate his charges against certain judges—or perhaps it was the day after he made his formal charges—I heard it rumored that Carter had inserted the name of Judge Reese at your suggestion. As soon as I heard that rumor, I went to John Sibley, a close friend of Senator Carter, and told him what I had heard. He said there was no truth in the report, and no ground for it; but determined to go to the fountain-head for the facts, I walked into the Senate Chamber, and at a convenient moment soon after, took a seat by your side. You were then presiding over the Senate. I told you what I had heard. You expressed the most emphatic denial of the truth of the report, and told me that it was the first intimation you had received of the existence of any such story. It happened that Senator Carter walked by at that juncture, and you called him to where we were. You asked him the direct question, whether you had suggested to him the insertion of Judge Reese's name or the name of anybody else, or whether you had made any suggestion of any nature at all to him. Senator Carter declared emphatically that you had not. When you called Senator Brooke, who had, it was understood, been in close conference with Senator Carter, and

had aided him in the preparation of the paper embodying his charges, and you asked Senator Brooke if you had in any way, directly or indirectly, made such a suggestion as the one referred to in the story I had told you. He declared that there was no truth whatever in the report. Subsequently I talked with both of these gentlemen concerning the story, and both reiterated what they said in your presence. I could find absolutely nothing which seemed to give any warrant for the report connecting your name with the charges.

In view of the fact that there seems to be a revival of that story, you are at liberty to use this letter as you may see fit.

I am, yours very truly,

J. K. OHL.

Dear Bob:—Does this cover it?

Yours,

JOE OHL.

I had thought that the rigid investigation then made had satisfied every person who was anxious to know the truth, and every enemy whose malice permitted him, even for a moment to exercise his honest judgment. But since the close of the investigation the report has been revived, and commented upon by the press. For what purpose it was revived I do not care to discuss, but I leave the Senate and the public to judge, but I here and now declare that any statement that I either insisted, requested or suggested, directly or indirectly, to Senator Carter the insertion of the name of Judge Reese in his report, is an absolute and unqualified falsehood.

I am satisfied that nothing I said or did influenced the Senator in the conduct of the matter which I then had in hand. As an evidence of that fact, I desire to read to the Senate the following statement given by the Senator from the Thirty-first District:

State of Georgia, Senate Chamber,
Atlanta, Ga., Feb'y 3rd, 1897.

To Whom it May Concern:

Certain persons and newspapers of this State having charged or intimated that Hon. Robt. L. Berner instigated or caused the name of Judge Seaborn Reese to be included in the names of Judges recently submitted by me to the Senate of this State as persons unworthy to wear the ermine, in justice to Mr. Berner as well as to myself, I desire to state that Mr. Berner had absolutely nothing to do, either directly or indirectly, with the charges against Judge Reese, and that he did not know that Judge Reese's name would be so presented until the report by me was made in open Senate.

W Y. CARTER.

In addition to this clear and manly exoneration I offer also the following letter of Senators Battle and Brooke, which explain themselves:

January 25, 1897.

Hon. Robt. L. Berner, Forsyth, Ga.:

My Dear Mr. Berner:—I am just in receipt of your letter of the 23d inst., in which you ask if I remember the conversation had between Senator Brooke, you and myself, in reference to the charges made by Senator W Y. Carter against Judge Reese.

In reply, I beg to state that I do remember the conversation you mention, and will here give you a statement of the facts made, as I now recall them:

You had previously, during the same day, stated to me that you had heard that you were charged with having urged Senator Carter to include the name of Judge Reese in the charges that he intended filing with the Senate, in obedience to the resolutions passed by the Senate. At the time you also stated that the charge was entirely untrue; you stated, furthermore, that your informant

was Mr. J. K. Ohl, a member of the Constitution's staff, and that at the time Mr. Ohl was giving you this information Senator Carter happened to be near the President's chair, and that you called to him, and in the presence of Mr. Ohl stated what you had just heard and asked Senator Carter to state if it was true, and that Senator Carter stated that it was not true, that you had nothing to do with his report or causing him to include the name of Judge Reese, or any one else, therein.

After you had stated these facts to me I replied that certainly no one would longer entertain any such idea, if they were made acquainted with the facts. Later I was in the room, with others, assigned to the use of the President of the Senate, when you came to the door, and calling to me, stated that you had had a conversation with Senator Brooke; you then related the substance of the conversation to me, and stated that, as your friend, you desired me to talk with Senator Brooke, and have him to make the statement to me. At this juncture, and while we were still talking, Senator Brooke came along and you called to him and stated that you had related to me the conversation that you and he had, and asked Senator Brooke if he objected to detailing to me the conversation. Senator Brooke then stated the following facts, as I now recall them:

"He said that having heard that Senator Carter was going to file his report, in reference to the Judges, etc., he called to see him at his room at his boarding house with a view to reading the charges, as he, in common with others, had some curiosity to know what Judges Senator Carter would include in his report, and what charges would be preferred against them. He stated that he spoke to Senator Carter in reference to his report, who replied that he was just going over to the Capitol and that he would show it to him on their arrival there: that while they were en route to the Capitol Senator Carter informed him that several parties, friends of

Judge Reese, had urged him not to include Judge Reese's name in his report, and that while he really disliked to do so, yet he had considered the matter fully, and had within himself determined to include the name of Judge Reese in his report. He then stated that he had not drawn up the report against Judge Reese, and asked me (Brooke) to write it out for him when we should arrive at the Capitol. I promised him that I would do so. When we arrived at the Capitol I drew up for Senator Carter, at his request, that part of his report in reference to Judge Reese, and you will, by reference thereto, find it in my handwriting. I am quite sure that President Berner had nothing whatever to do with Senator Carter including the name of Judge Reese in his report. As Senator Carter and myself were going up the inner steps of the Capitol we came upon President Berner who said something to Senator Carter about his report, but nothing was said about Judge Reese or any other Judge; in fact, Senator Carter had stated to me that he had for himself determined to include Judge Reese's name in his report, and at the time that he made this announcement he asked me to draw it up for him, which I did."

The above is, in substance, the conversation had between Senator Brooke, you and myself, and I am quite sure that Senator Brooke, whom I esteem very highly, will doubtless remember it as I do.

I took occasion afterwards to mention this conversation to others, and really thought that it was an end to the rumor that you had anything to do with Senator Carter including the name of Judge Reese in his report. No doubt the parties at interest can be easily satisfied of your entire innocence of the charge, and will be when the facts are fully stated to them.

With best wishes and regards, believe me, as ever,

Your friend,

C. E. BATTLE.

Dictated C. E. B.

Atlanta, Ga., February 3, 1897.

I take pleasure in saying that Mr. Battle has, in the foregoing letter, substantially quoted my statement made at the time mentioned, and desire to add that the statement was correct. Mr. Berner is in no sense responsible for the name of Judge Reese being mentioned in Mr. Carter's charges.

J. P. BROOKE.

I desire to thank Senators Carter, Brooke and Battle for this manly exoneration of me from all connection with this matter.

Mr. President, the conscientiousness of my own innocence relieves me of any personal pain touching this matter. But the Senate has honored me with the highest trust which, as a body, it had the power to bestow. It would have been a grave violation of this trust if I had, directly or indirectly, sought to influence the Senator in the presentation of charges against members of the Judiciary, the truth of which I might ultimately have been called upon to determine. With the investigation, its initiation and its results I have nothing now to say. The proceedings have passed into history, but I thought it a duty I owed to the Senate which has thus honored me, to thus publicly and officially deny the truth of this report.

Mr. President, I ask that this statement be placed upon the Journal of the Senate.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk:

Mr. President:

The House has adopted the following resolution, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution providing for an exhibit by the State at the Centennial Exposition at Nashville, and for other purposes.

The following message received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has appointed a Committee of Conference upon the disagreement of the two houses upon the Senate amendment to the House resolution providing for the expenses of the Investigating Committee relative to the compensation of Senator Carter.

The committee on the part of the House are Messrs. Blalock, Felder and Berry.

The Senate took up the resolution of the House providing for a State exhibit at the Tennessee Centennial.

Mr. Berner offered to amend the resolution as follows: Amend by adding the following:

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated, to be expended in making an exhibit of woman's work at said Exposition, said sum to be expended in paying for the services of a custodian and making the exhibit, to be paid as provided in the foregoing resolution.

The amendment was adopted.

On the question of concurring in the resolution, as amended, Mr. Walker of the Eighteenth District required the ayes and nays to be recorded.

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Battle,
Blalock,
Cook,

Ham,
Hudson,
Mann,

Starr,
Stevens,
Stewart of 27th,

Culver,
Flewellen,
Gray,

McFarland,
Redwine,
Shropshire,

Strother,
Van Buren,
Witcher.

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Allen,
Carter,
Comas,

Flynt,
Geiger,
Kemp,

Walker of 18th,
Walker of 40th,
Wooten.

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Atkinson,
Brinson,
Brooke,
Castleberry
Dunwody,
Everett,

Goldin,
Golightly,
Hopkins,
Kilpatrick,
Sheffield,
Stewart of 34th,

Thomson,
Turner,
Westmoreland,
Wilcox,
Mr. President.

Ayes 18. Nays 9. Not voting 17.

So the resolution was concurred in as amended.

Mr. Battle, Chairman of Joint Committee to sit in conference upon the differences existing between the House and Senate in reference to the resolution to pay Senator Carter his per diem and expenses incurred in the investigation of the charges against Judges Sweat and Reese, beg leave to submit the following report:

The committee, by a majority vote, has decided that Senator Carter shall be paid his per diem of \$4.00 for 15 days and \$8.04 mileage, and they recommend the adoption of this report by the Senate.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLTON E. BATTLE, Chairman.

The foregoing report was, on motion of Mr. Battle, adopted and the House informed of the fact.

The following message received from the House through Mr. Hardin, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has concurred in the Senate amendment with an amendment to the following House resolution to wit:

A resolution directing a State exhibit at the Tennessee Centennial.

The House has also agreed to the Conference Committee's report on the following House resolution, to wit:

A resolution to provide for the payment of the expenses of the Investigating Committee.

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House is ready to adjourn sine die.

Mr. Battle offered a resolution to appoint a committee of two from the Senate and three from the House to inform His Excellency, the Governor, that the General Assembly is now ready to adjourn sine die, and to ask whether he has any further communication to submit.

The president appointed as the committee on the part of the Senate Messrs. Battle and Van Buren.

The committee performed its duty and, through the Chairman, Mr. Battle, reported that His Excellency, the Governor, had no further communication to make.

The Senate then, on motion of Mr. Battle, adjourned sine die, and it was so declared by the President.

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